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PREFACE.

The importance of studying the properties of the Conic Sections by geometrical methods before entering upon the algebraic theory cannot, I think, be too much insisted upon, whether regarded as an introduction to the study of Newton, or with a view to a more complete understanding subsequently of the principles of Analytical Geometry.

The advantage of observing this order is now so fully recognised at Cambridge, that during the first three days of the Examination for Honours the geometrical method is alone admissible.

At the same time I believe that this mode of treating the subject has not received in Schools the attention which it deserves, and I cannot but think that this is in a great degree owing to the want of a book altogether suited for the purpose.

In the following pages, which were originally compiled for the use of my own pupils at Blackheath, I have aimed at supplying this deficiency, and I have endeavoured to place the subject before the student in such a form, that, after mastering the elements of Euclid, he may find it an easy and interesting continuation of his geometrical studies.

With a view also of rendering the work a complete Manual of what is required at Cambridge, I have either embodied into the text, or inserted among the examples, every book-work question, problem, and rider, which has been proposed in the Senate House up to the present time.

The principal points in which the present Treatise will be found to differ from those now in use are the following:—

(1.) The three Conic Sections are defined in a uniform manner.

(2.) The use of the Second Book of Euclid is avoided, *as much as possible*, as having a tendency to lead to algebraical methods of reasoning.

(3.) The properties of the ellipse and hyperbola which depend upon the directrix are fully given, and the analogy between these curves and the parabola is thus maintained.

(4.) A method of proving the fundamental property of the tangents has been adopted, which, while it presents the idea of a limit in its simplest form, is applicable, word for word, to each of the three curves.

(5.) With a view to simplification, several of the demonstrations have been much modified from the form in which they are usually presented, among which I may particularly mention those propositions which relate to the properties of conjugate diameters in the ellipse, and of the asymptotes in the hyperbola, and the proof that $QV^2 = 4SP.PV$ in the parabola; while many important theorems admitting of an easy geometrical solution are introduced.

(6.) A full discussion is given in a distinct chapter of the Sections of the Cone. Figures are drawn representing the position of the foci and of the directrices of the sections in every case.

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— 24, — 2, *for* "radius," *read* "diameter."

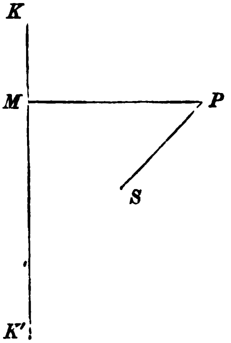
CONIC SECTIONS.

INTRODUCTION.

1. **Def.** The curve traced out by a point which moves in such a manner that its distance from a given fixed point continually bears the same ratio to its distance from a given fixed line, is called a *Conic Section*.

The fixed point is called the *Focus*, and the fixed line the *Directrix*.

Thus if S be the focus, and KK' the directrix, and P a point from which PM is drawn at right angles to the directrix, the curve traced out by P will be a *Conic Section*, provided P move in such a manner that SP always bears the same ratio to PM.



(1.) When the distance from the fixed point is equal to the distance from the fixed line, that is, when SP is equal to PM, the *Conic Section* is called a *Parabola*.

(2.) When the distance from the fixed point is less than the distance from the fixed line, that is, when the ratio which

SP bears to *PM* is less than unity, the *Conic Section* is called an *Ellipse.*

(3.) When the distance from the fixed point is greater than the distance from the fixed line, that is, when the ratio which *SP* bears to *PM* is greater than unity, the *Conic Section* is called an *Hyperbola.*

2. The reason of the term *Conic Sections* being applied to these curves, is that when a *Cone* is intersected by a plane surface, the boundary of the section so formed will, *in general*, be one or other of these curves.

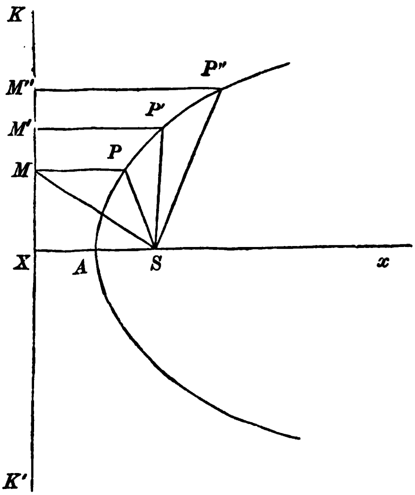
I purpose to investigate the properties of the *Conic Sections* from the definitions given above, and afterwards to show in what manner a *Cone* must be divided by a plane in order that the curve of intersection may be a *Parabola, Ellipse*, or *Hyperbola.*

CHAPTER I.

THE PARABOLA.

PROP. I.

3. THE focus and directrix of a parabola being given, to find any number of points on the curve.



Let S be the focus, and KK' the directrix.

Draw XSx at right angles to the directrix, and bisect the line SX in A; then

$$\text{since } AS = AX,$$

$$\therefore\ A \text{ is a point on the curve.}$$

The point A is called the *Vertex*, and the line Ax, with respect to which the curve is evidently symmetrical, is called the *Axis*.

On the directrix take any point M; join SM; and draw MP at right angles to the directrix.

At the focus S make the angle MSP equal to the angle SMP; then

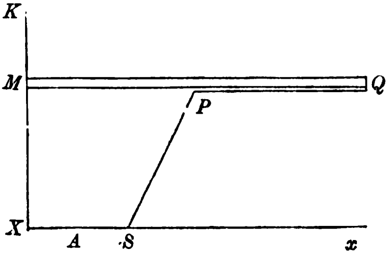
$$SP = PM,$$

$$\therefore\ P \text{ is a point on the curve.}$$

So by taking any number of points, M', M'', on the directrix, we may obtain as many points, P', P'', on the curve as we please, and the line which passes through A and all these points will be the parabola whose focus is S and directrix KK'.

Cor. 1. As M is taken further away from the point X, the angles SMP, MSP, and, consequently, the lines SP and PM continually increase. Hence the curve recedes at the same time both from the axis and directrix; and since the angle SMP can never exceed a right angle, and the lines SP and MP will therefore always meet, it is evident that the curve will branch off to an indefinite distance on both sides of the axis.

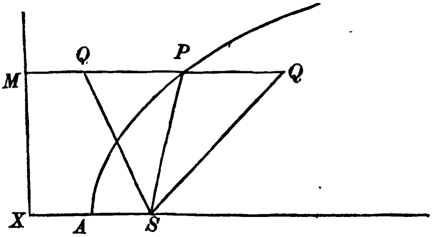
Cor. 2. The parabola may be described practically in the following manner.



Let S be the focus and KX be the directrix; and let a rigid bar QM, having a string of the same length as itself fastened at one end Q, be made to slide parallel to the axis with the other end M on the directrix; then if the other end of the string be fastened at the focus, and the string be kept stretched by means of the point of a pencil at P, in contact with the bar, since SP will always be equal to PM, it is evident that the point P will trace out the parabola.

PROP. II.

4. The distance of any point inside the parabola from the focus is less than its distance from the directrix; and the distance of any point outside the parabola from the focus is greater than its distance from the directrix.



(1.) Let Q be a point inside the parabola.

Draw QM at right angles to the directrix, meeting the parabola in P; join SP; then

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{since } SP = PM, \\ \therefore\ &SP \text{ and } PQ = QM. \\ \text{But } &SP \text{ and } PQ > SQ, \\ \therefore\ &QM > SQ. \end{aligned}$$

(2.) Let Q be a point outside the parabola.

Draw MQ at right angles to the directrix, and produce it to meet the parabola in P; join SP; then

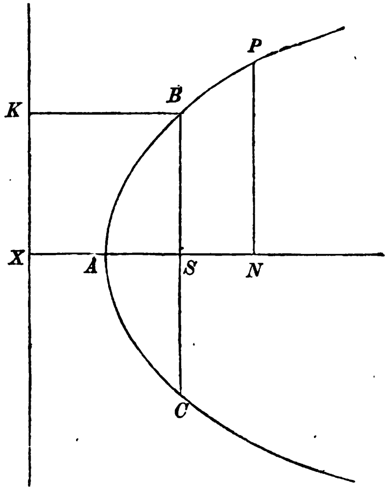
$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } &SQ \text{ and } QP > SP, \\ \text{and } &SP = PM, \\ \therefore\ &SQ \text{ and } QP > PM, \\ \therefore\ &SQ > QM. \end{aligned}$$

COR. Conversely a point will be inside or outside the parabola according as its distance from the focus is less or greater than its distance from the directrix.

5. DEF. The line PN (*see fig. Prop.* III.) drawn at right angles to the axis from the point P in the curve is called the *Ordinate* of the point P, and the line AN the *Abscissa*. The double ordinate BC drawn through the focus, and terminated both ways by the curve, is called the *Latus Rectum.*

PROP. III.

The Latus Rectum $BC = 4\,AS$.



Draw BK at right angles to the directrix.

$$\text{Then } SB = BK = SX = 2\,AS,$$

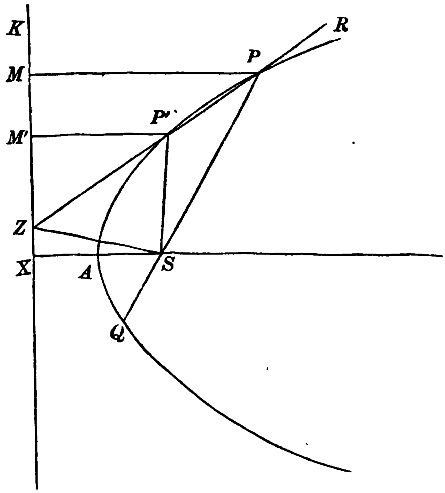
$$\therefore\ BC = 4\,AS.$$

6. DEF. If a point P' be taken on the parabola (*see fig. Prop.* IV.) near to P, and PP' be joined, the line PP' produced, in the limiting position which it assumes when P' is made to approach indefinitely near to P, is called the *Tangent* to the parabola at the point P.

PROP. IV.

If the tangent to the parabola at any point P intersect the directrix in the point Z; then SZ will be at right angles to SP.

Let P' be a point on the parabola near to P.



Draw the chord PP', and produce it to meet the directrix in Z; join SZ.

Draw PM, $P'M'$ at right angles to the directrix; join SP, SP'; and produce PS to meet the parabola in Q.

Then, since the triangles ZMP, $ZM'P'$ are similar,

$$\therefore ZP : ZP' :: MP : M'P',$$
$$:: SP : SP',$$

$\therefore$ SZ bisects the angle $P'SQ$. (*Euclid*, VI. *Prop.* A.)

Now when P' is indefinitely near to P, and PP' becomes the tangent at the point P, the angle PSP' becomes indefinitely small, while the angle QSP' approaches two right angles, and therefore the angle $P'SZ$, which is half of the angle $P'SQ$, becomes ultimately a right angle.

Hence, when PZ is the tangent,

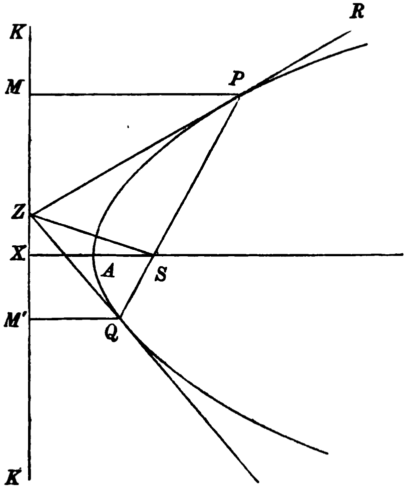
the angle ZSP is a right angle,

or SZ is perpendicular to SP.

Cor. Conversely, if SZ be drawn at right angles to SP, meeting the directrix in Z, and PZ be joined, PZ will be a tangent at P.

PROP. V.

7. The tangent at any point P of a parabola bisects the angle between the focal distance SP, and the perpendicular PM on the directrix.



Let the tangent at P meet the directrix in the point Z; join SZ; then since the angle ZSP is a right angle, (*Prop.* IV.)

$$\therefore\ ZS^2 + SP^2 = PZ^2.$$

$$\text{Also } ZM^2 + MP^2 = PZ^2,$$

$$\therefore\ ZS^2 + SP^2 = ZM^2 + MP^2.$$

$$\text{But } SP = PM,$$

$$\therefore\ ZS = ZM;$$

Now in the triangles ZPS, ZPM,

$\because$ ZP, $PS = ZP$, PM, each to each,

and $ZS = ZM$,

$\therefore$ the angle $SPZ =$ the angle MPZ;

or PZ bisects the angle SPM.

COR. 1. If ZP be produced to R, then the angle $SPR =$ the angle MPR.

COR. 2. It is evident that the tangent at the vertex A is perpendicular to the axis.

PROP. VI.

8. The tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect at right angles in the directrix.

Let PSQ be a focal chord, and let the tangent at P meet the directrix in Z.

Join SZ; then by the last Proposition

the angle ZSP is a right angle,

and $\therefore$ also the angle ZSQ is a right angle,

$\therefore$ ZQ is the tangent at Q, (*Prop.* IV. *Cor.*)

or the tangents at the extremities of the focal chord PSQ intersect in the directrix.

Again draw PM, QM' at right angles to the directrix; then

since MP, $PZ = SP$, PZ, each to each,

and the angle $MPZ =$ the angle SPZ,

$\therefore$ the angle $MZP =$ the angle SZP,

$\therefore$ the angle SZP is half of the angle SZM,

So the angle SZQ is half of the angle SZM',

$\therefore$ the angle PZQ is half of the two SZM and SZM'.

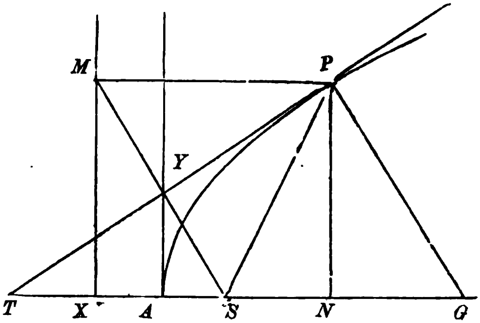
But the angles SZM and SZM' = two right angles,

$\therefore$ the angle PZQ is a right angle,

or the tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect *at right angles* in the directrix.

PROP. VII.

9. If the tangent at any point P of a parabola meet the axis produced in the point T, and PN be the ordinate of the point P, then $NT = 2\,AN$.



Join SP, and draw PM at right angles to the directrix; then

$\because$ the angle SPT = the angle MPT = the angle STP,

$$\therefore\ ST = SP.$$

$$\text{But } SP = PM = XN,$$

$$\therefore\ ST = XN.$$

$$\text{But } AS = AX,$$

$\therefore$ the remainder AT = the remainder AN,

$$\therefore\ NT = 2\,AN.$$

DEF. The line NT is called the *Subtangent*.

10. **DEF.** The line PG, drawn at right angles to PT, is called the *Normal* at the point P, and NG the *Subnormal*.

PROP. VIII.

If the normal at the point P of a parabola meet the axis in the point G, then $NG = 2\,AS$.

Since the angle SPG = the complement of the angle SPT,
and the angle SGP = the complement of the angle STP,
and also the angle SPT = the angle STP. (*Prop.* VII.)

$\therefore$ the angle SPG = the angle SGP,

$$\therefore SG = SP.$$

But $SP = PM = XN$,

$$\therefore SG = XN.$$

Taking away the common part SN,

the remainder $NG = SX = 2\,AS$.

PROP. IX.

11. If PN be an ordinate to the parabola at the point P; then $PN^2 = 4\,AS.AN$.

Since TPG is a right angle, and PN perpendicular to TG,

$\therefore$ PN is a mean proportional between TN and NG;

or $PN^2 = TN.NG$. (*Euclid*, VI. 8 *Cor.*)

AN But $TN = 2\,\cancel{AS}$, (*Prop.* VII.)

AS and $NG = 2\,\cancel{AN}$, (*Prop.* VIII.)

$\therefore$ $PN^2 = 4\,AS.AN$.

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PROP. X.

12. If the tangent at any point P intersect the tangent at the vertex in Y, then SY will bisect PT at right angles, and will be a mean proportional between SA and SP.

Draw PN at right angles to the axis; then

since AY is parallel to PN,

$$\therefore TY : YP :: TA : AN.$$

But $AT = AN$, (*Prop.* VII.)

$$\therefore TY = PY;$$

and $\because$ SY, YP = SY, YT, each to each,

and $SP = ST$, (*Prop.* VII.)

$\therefore$ the angle SYP = the angle SYT,

$\therefore$ SY is perpendicular to PT.

Again, since TYS is a right angle, and YA perpendicular to ST,

$\therefore$ SY is a mean proportional between ST and SA;

or $SY^2 = ST \, . \, SA$. (*Euclid*, VI. 8 *Cor.*)

But $ST = SP$, (*Prop.* VII.)

$\therefore$ $SY^2 = SP \, . \, SA$.

Cor. If PM be drawn at right angles to the directrix, and MY be joined, then

since SP, $PY = MP$, PY, each to each,

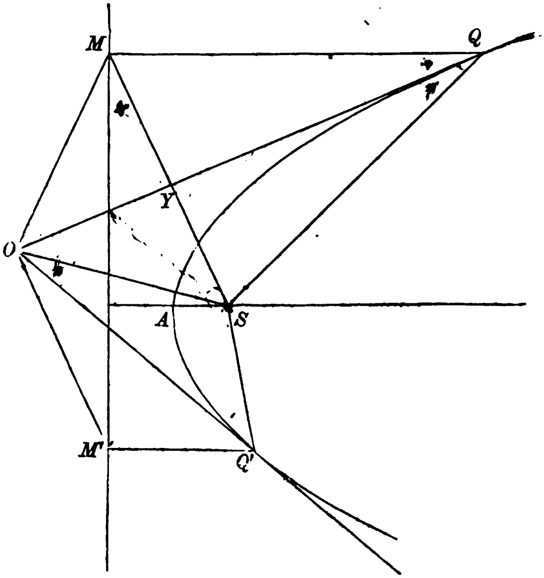
and the angle $SPY =$ the angle MPY, (*Prop.* V.)

$\therefore$ the angle $SYP =$ the angle MYP,

$\therefore$ SY and YM are in the same straight line.

Prop. XI.

13. To draw a pair of tangents to a parabola from an external point.



Let O be the given external point.

Join OS, and with centre O and radius OS describe a circle, cutting the directrix in M and M', which it will always do, on whichever side of the directrix O is situated, since O is nearer to the directrix than to the focus. (*Prop.* II.)

Draw MQ and $M'Q'$ parallel to the axis meeting the parabola in Q and Q'.

Join OQ, OQ'; these will be the tangents required.

Join SQ and SQ'; then

$$\because\ OQ,\ QS = OQ,\ QM, \text{ each to each,}$$

$$\text{and } OS = OM,$$

$$\therefore \text{ the angle } OQS = \text{ the angle } OQM,$$

$$\therefore\ OQ \text{ is the tangent at } Q. \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{V.})$$

$$\text{So } OQ' \text{ is the tangent at } Q'.$$

PROP. XII.

14. If from a point O a pair of tangents OQ and OQ' be drawn to a parabola, the triangles OSQ, OSQ' will be similar, and OS will be a mean proportional between SQ S
S and SQ'.

Join SM, cutting OQ at right angles (*Prop.* X. *Cor.*) in the point Y; then

$$\text{since the angle } SQO = \text{ the angle } MQO, \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{V.})$$

$$\text{and that the angle } MQO = \text{ the angle } SMM',$$

each of these angles being the complement of the angle QMY,

$$\therefore \text{ the angle } SQO = \text{ the angle } SMM'.$$

But the angle SMM' at the circumference is half the angle SOM' at the centre, and is therefore equal to the angle SOQ',

$$\therefore \text{ the angle } SQO = \text{ the angle } SOQ'.$$

$$\text{So the angle } SOQ = \text{ the angle } SQ'O,$$

$$\therefore \text{ the remaining angle } OSQ = \text{ the remaining angle } OSQ'.$$

And therefore the triangle OSQ is similar to the triangle OSQ',

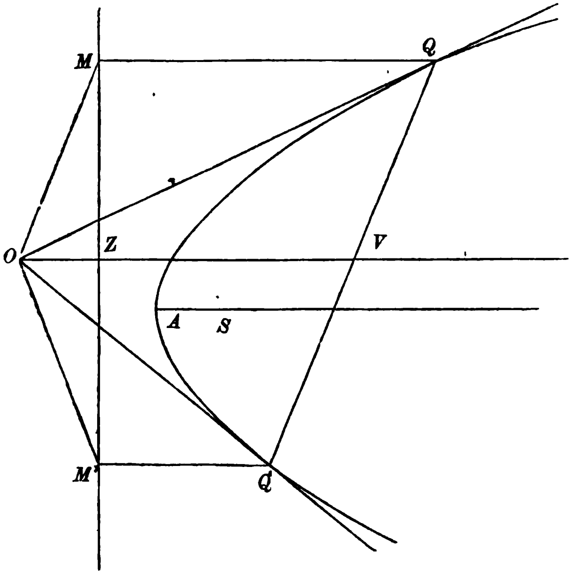
$$\therefore SQ : SO :: SO : SQ',$$

$$\therefore SQ . SQ' = SO^2,$$

or SO is a mean proportional between SQ and SQ'.

Prop. XIII.

15. If a pair of tangents OQ, OQ' be drawn to a parabola, and OV be drawn parallel to the axis meeting QQ' in V, then QQ' shall be bisected in V



Draw QM, $Q'M'$ at right angles to the directrix.

Join OM, OM'; and let OV meet MM' in Z.

Then, since $OM = OM'$, (*Prop.* XI.)

$\therefore$ the angle $OMZ =$ the angle $OM'Z$,

and the angle $OZM =$ the angle, OZM', and the side OZ is common to the triangles OZM, OZM',

$$\therefore MZ = M'Z.$$

And because the lines QM, ZV, $Q'M'$ are parallel,

$$\therefore QV : Q'V :: MZ : M'Z.$$

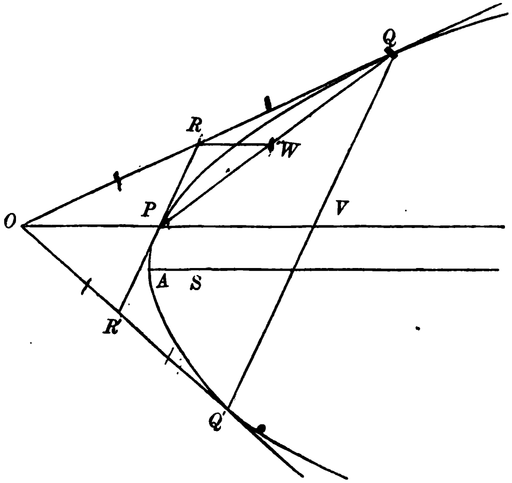
But $MZ = M'Z$,

$$\therefore QV = Q'V,$$

$$\therefore QQ' \text{ is bisected in } V.$$

PROP. XIV.

16. If from a point O a pair of tangents OQ, OQ' be drawn to a parabola, and OV be drawn parallel to the axis meeting the parabola in P, and QQ' in V, then the tangent at P will be parallel to QQ', and OV will be bisected in P.



Draw the tangent RPR' meeting OQ, OQ' in R and R'.

Join PQ, and draw RW parallel to the axis, meeting PQ in W;

Then, by the last Proposition,

$$PW = WQ.$$

And because RW is parallel to OP,

$$\therefore\ OR : RQ :: PW : WQ.$$

$$\text{But } PW = WQ,$$

$$\therefore\ OR = RQ;$$

$$\text{so } OR' = R'Q',$$

$$\therefore\ OR : RQ :: OR' : R'Q',$$

$$\therefore\ RR' \text{ is parallel to } QQ'.$$

Again, since PR is parallel to QV,

$$\therefore\ OP : PV :: OR : RQ.$$

$$\text{But } OR = RQ,$$

$$\therefore\ OP = PV.$$

COR. From this it is manifest that if any number of parallel chords be drawn in a parabola, their middle points will all lie on the line parallel to the axis which passes through the point where the tangent drawn parallel to the chords meets the parabola.

DEF. Any line PV, drawn from a point P in the parabola parallel to the axis, is called a *Diameter*.

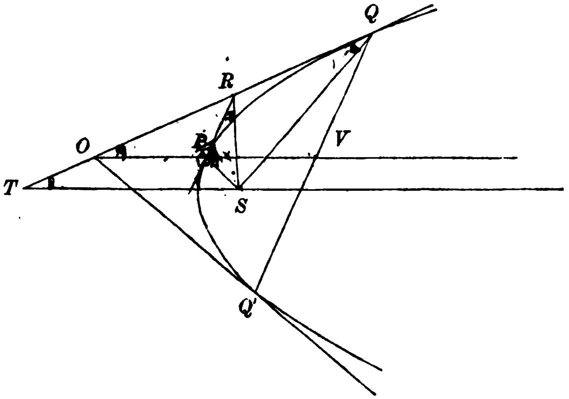
The point P is called the *Vertex* of the diameter PV; and the tangent at P the *Tangent at the Vertex*.

The diameter consequently bisects all chords parallel to the tangent at the vertex, and the tangents at the extremities of any chord will intersect in the diameter corresponding to that chord.

DEF. A line QV, drawn parallel to the tangent at P from a point Q in the curve, is called the *Ordinate* to the diameter PV.

PROP. XV.

17. If QV be an ordinate to the diameter PV, then $QV^2 = 4 . SP . PV$.



Produce QV to meet the parabola in Q'; and draw the tangents QO, $Q'O$, meeting VP produced in the point O. (*Prop.* XIV.)

Also let the tangent at P meet OQ in R, and join SP, SR, and SQ. Now since from the point R two tangents RP, RQ are drawn to the parabola, the triangle RPS is similar to the triangle RSQ, (*Prop.* XII.)

$\therefore$ the angle $SRP =$ the angle SQR.

But the angle $SQR =$ the angle STQ, (*Prop.* VII.)

$=$ the angle POR,

$\therefore$ the angle $SRP =$ the angle POR,

and the angle $SPR =$ the angle OPR, (*Prop.* V. *Cor.* 1.)

$\therefore$ the remaining angle $RSP =$ the remaining angle ORP,

$\therefore$ the triangle SPR is similar to the triangle POR,

$$\therefore SP : PR :: PR : PO,$$

$$\therefore PR^2 = SP . PO$$

$$= SP . PV, \text{ (\textit{Prop.} XIV.)}$$

Again, since QV is parallel to PR,

$$\therefore QV : PR :: OV : OP.$$

But $OV = 2 . OP$, (*Prop.* XIV.)

$$\therefore\ QV = 2 . PR,$$

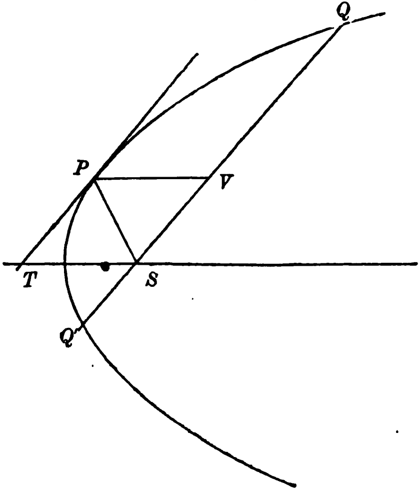
$$\therefore\ QV^2 = 4 . PR^2,$$

$$= 4 . SP . PV.$$

18. **Def.** The double ordinate to the diameter PV, drawn parallel to the tangent at P, and passing through the focus, is called the *Parameter* of *the diameter* PV.

PROP. XVI[redacted]

The parameter of the diameter $PV = 4 . SP$.



Draw QSQ' through the focus parallel to the tangent at P, and let the tangent at P meet the axis produced in T; then

$$QV^2 = 4 . SP . PV, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XV.})$$

$$\text{But } PV = ST = SP, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{VII.})$$

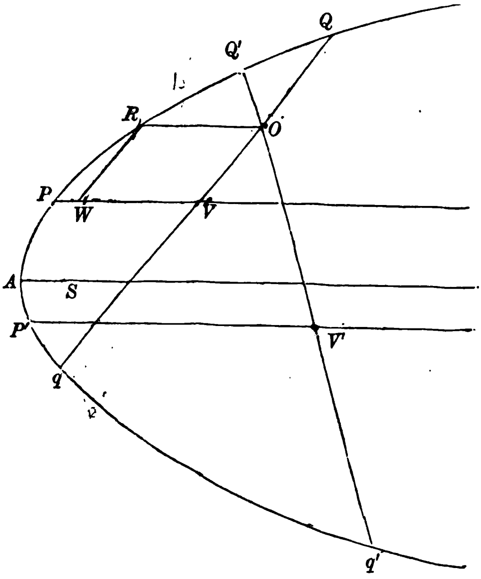
$$\therefore\ QV^2 = 4\,SP^2;$$

$$\text{or } QV = 2\,SP,$$

$$\therefore\ QQ' = 4\,SP.$$

Prop. XVII.

19. If two chords of a parabola intersect one another, the rectangles contained by their segments are in the ratio of the parameters of the diameters which bisect the chords.



Let the chords Qq, $Q'q'$ intersect one another in the point O.

Bisect Qq, $Q'q'$ in V and V'; and draw the diameters PV, $P'V'$ parallel to the axis.

Also, through O draw OR parallel to PV; and through R draw RW parallel to QV.

Now, since Qq is divided equally in V and unequally in O,

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore\ QO \cdot Oq &= QV^2 - OV^2, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{II. } 5,) \\ &= QV^2 - RW^2, \\ &= 4SP \cdot PV - 4SP \cdot PW, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XV.}) \\ &= 4SP \cdot RO. \end{aligned}$$

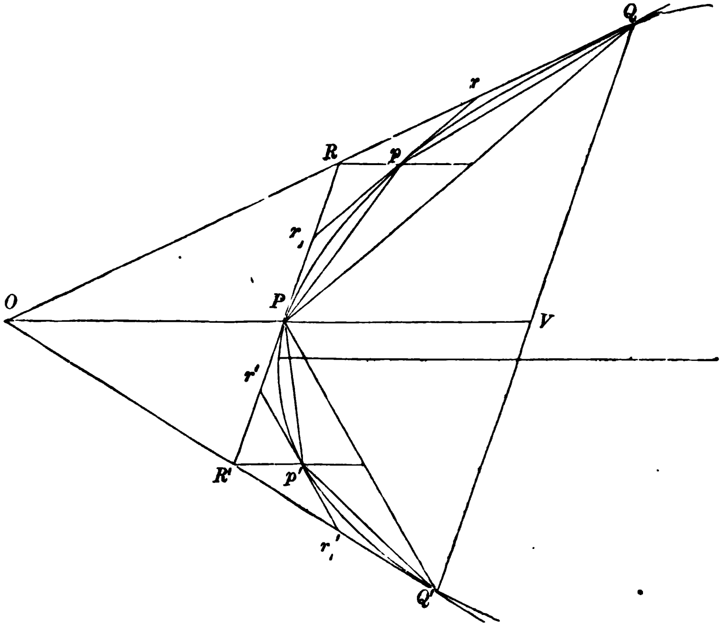
So $Q'O \cdot Oq' = 4SP' \cdot RO$.

Hence $QO \cdot Oq : Q'O \cdot Oq' :: 4SP : 4SP'$.

By *Euclid*, II. 6, the same may be proved to be true if the point O be without the parabola.

PROP. XVIII.

20. If from an external point O a pair of tangents OQ, OQ' be drawn to the parabola, and the chord QQ' be joined, the area of the figure bounded by QQ' and the curve is two-thirds of the triangle QOQ'.



Draw the diameter OV meeting the curve in P; and let the tangent at P meet OQ, OQ' in R and R'.

Join QP, $Q'P$; then

$$\text{since } OR = RQ,$$

$$\therefore \text{ the triangle } OPR = \tfrac{1}{2} \text{ the triangle } OPQ,$$

$$= \tfrac{1}{4} \text{ the triangle } VPQ.$$

So the triangle $OPR' = \frac{1}{2}$ the triangle VPQ',

$\therefore$ the triangle $ORR' = \frac{1}{2}$ the triangle PQQ'.

Again, if through R and R' we draw the diameters Rp, $R'p'$; and at the points p and p' draw the tangents $rpr_{,,}$ $r'p'r_{,}'$, we can prove in the same manner as before that

the triangle $Rrr_{,} = \frac{1}{2}$ the triangle QpP,

and the triangle $R'r'r_{,}' = \frac{1}{2}$ the triangle $Q'p'P$.

Continuing in this manner to form new triangles by drawing diameters at the points r, $r_{,}$, and r', $r_{,}'$, and tangents at the points where these diameters meet the curve, we can prove that the exterior triangles formed by the tangents are the halves of the interior triangles formed by joining the points of contact with the extremities of the chords.

And the same will hold however the number of the triangles be increased.

Hence the sum of all the exterior triangles will be equal to half the sum of all the interior triangles.

Now when the number of the triangles is increased indefinitely, the sum of the exterior triangles will represent the exterior figure $OQPQ'$, and the sum of the interior triangles the area of the interior figure QPQ'. Hence

the area of the figure $OQPQ' = \frac{1}{2}$ the area of the figure QPQ',

$\therefore$ area of the figure $OQPQ' = \frac{1}{3}$ the area of triangle QOQ',

$\therefore$ area of the figure $QPQ' = \frac{2}{3}$ the area of triangle QOQ'.

21. Def. If with a point O on the normal at P as centre and OP as radius, a circle be described touching the parabola at P and cutting it in Q; then when the point Q is made to approach indefinitely near to P, the circle is called the *Circle of Curvature* at the point P. (*See fig. Prop.* XIX.)

Prop. XIX.

The chord of the circle of curvature, at a point P of a parabola, drawn parallel to the axis $= 4\,SP$.

Let PT be the tangent, and PG the normal at the point P.

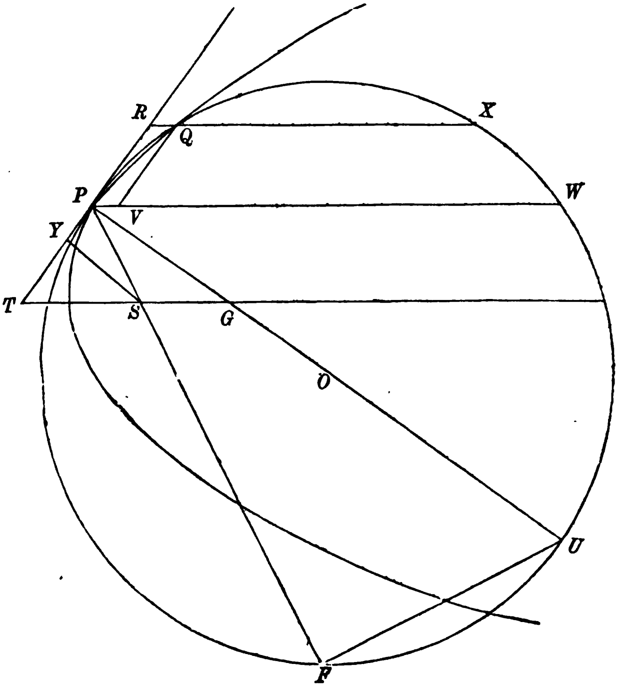
With centre O and radius OP describe a circle cutting the parabola in the point Q.

Draw RQX parallel to the axis meeting the circle in X and the tangent at P in R.

Also draw QV parallel to PR, and PW parallel to the axis; then

since RP touches the circle at P,

$\therefore\ RQ \cdot RX = PR^2$. (*Euclid*, III. 36.)



$$\text{But } PR^2 = QV^2 = 4\,SP\,.\,PV, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XV.})$$

$$\therefore\ RQ\,.\,RX = 4\,SP\,.\,PV.$$

$$\text{But } RQ = PV,$$

$$\therefore\ RX = 4\,SP.$$

Now when the circle becomes the circle of curvature at P, the points R and Q move up to and coincide with P, and the lines RX and PW become equal.

Hence the chord of the circle of curvature parallel to the axis $= 4\,SP$.

Cor. 1. If PU be the diameter of the circle of curvature, and PF the chord through the focus; then

$$\text{since the angle } FPU = \text{the angle } WPU, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{VIII.})$$

$$\therefore\ PF = PW = 4\,SP.$$

Cor. 2. If SY be drawn at right angles to PT; then

$$\text{the triangle } PFU \text{ is similar to } SYP,$$

$$\therefore\ PU : PF :: SP : SY,$$

$$\text{or } PU : 4\,SP :: SP : SY.$$

PROBLEMS ON THE PARABOLA.

1. The radius of the circle described about the triangle BAC is equal to $5AS$. (*See fig. Prop.* III.)

2. If from the point G, GK be drawn at right angles to SP, then $PK = 2AS$. (*See fig. Prop.* III.)

3. If the triangle SPG is equilateral, then SP is equal to the latus rectum. (*See fig. Prop.* VII.)

4. PQ is a common tangent to a parabola and the circle described on the latus rectum as diameter; prove that SP and SQ make equal angles with the latus rectum.

5. Prove that $PY . PZ = SP^2$, and that $PY . YZ = AS . SP$. (*See fig. Prop.* VII.)

6. If PL be drawn at right angles to AP, meeting the axis in L, and PN be the ordinate of P, then $NL = 4AS$.

7. The tangent at any point P of a parabola meets the directrix and latus rectum produced in points equally distant from the focus.

8. Prove that $NY = TY$, and that $TP . TY = TS . TN$. (*See fig. Prop.* VII.)

9. If a circle be described about the triangle SPN, the tangent to it from $A = \frac{1}{2} PN$. (*See fig. Prop.* VII.)

10. If the ordinate of a point P bisect the subnormal of P', the ordinate of P is equal to the normal of P'.

11. If from any point on the tangent to a parabola a line be drawn touching the parabola, the angle between this line and the line to the focus from the same point is constant.

12. A circle and parabola have the same vertex and axis. $BA'C$ is the double ordinate of the parabola which touches the circle at A', the extremity of the diameter through the vertex A. PP' is any other ordinate of the parabola parallel to this, meeting the axis in N, and AB produced in R; prove that the rectangle $RP.RP'$ is proportional to the square of the tangent drawn from N to the circle.

13. Draw a parabola to touch a given circle at a given point, and such that its axis may touch the same circle in another given point.

14. If from the point of contact of a tangent to a parabola a chord be drawn, and another line be drawn parallel to the axis meeting the chord, tangent, and curve, this line will be divided by them in the same ratio as it divides the chord.

15. If the diameter PV meet the directrix in O, and the chord drawn through the focus parallel to the tangent at P in V, prove that $PV = PO$.

16. Prove that the locus of the intersection of a diameter PV with the chord drawn through the focus parallel to the tangent at P is a parabola.

17. If a circle and parabola have a common tangent at P, and intersect in Q and R; and QV, UR be drawn parallel to the axis of the parabola meeting the circle in V and U respectively, then VU is parallel to the tangent at P.

18. AB and AC are two lines at right angles to each other. From a fixed point C on AC, CR is drawn parallel to AB. On AR, produced if necessary, P is taken such that

the perpendicular PN upon AB is equal to CR. Prove that the curve traced out by P is a parabola.

19. If from a point P of a circle PC be drawn to the centre; and R be the middle point of the chord PQ drawn parallel to a fixed diameter ACB, then the curve traced out by the intersection of CP and AR is a parabola.

20. If two equal tangents OQ, OQ' be cut by a third tangent, their alternate segments are equal.

21. E is the centre of the circle described about the triangle OQQ'. Prove that the circle described about the triangle QEQ' will pass through the focus. (*See fig. Prop.* XIII.)

22. PSp is any focal chord of a parabola. Prove that AP, Ap will meet the latus rectum in two points Q, q, whose distances from the focus are equal to the ordinates of p and P.

23. PSp is a focal chord of a parabola, RDr the directrix meeting the axis in D; and Q any point on the curve. Prove that if QP, Qp be produced to meet the directrix in R, r, half the latus rectum is a mean proportional between DR, Dr.

24. OP and OQ are two tangents to a parabola. On QO produced, OQ' is taken equal to OQ; prove that $OS . PQ' = OP . OQ$.

25. If QD be drawn at right angles to the diameter PV, then $QD^2 = 4AS . PV$.

26. If through any point O on the axis of a parabola a chord POQ be drawn, and PM, QN be the ordinates of the points P and Q, prove that $AM . AN = AO^2$.

27. If AP and AQ be drawn at right angles to each other from the vertex of a parabola, and PM, QN be the ordinates of P and Q, prove that the latus rectum is a mean proportional between AM and AN.

28. OAP is the sector of a circle whose centre is O. If the radius OA remain fixed while the angle AOP changes the centre of the circle inscribed in the sector, AOP will trace out a parabola.

29. QSQ' is a focal chord parallel to AP; PN, QM, $Q'M'$ are the ordinates of P, Q and Q'. Prove that $SM^2 = AM \,.\, AN$ and that $MM' = AP$.

30. PQ, PQ' are drawn from any point P cutting the ordinates $Q'V'$, QV in R' and R, prove that VR is to $V'R'$ in the triplicate ratio of QV to $Q'V'$.

31. On a chord of a parabola as diameter a circle is described cutting the parabola again in two points. If these points be joined the portion of the axis between the two chords is equal to the latus rectum.

32. If OQ, OQ' be a pair of tangents to a parabola, and the chord QQ' be a normal to the curve at Q, then OQ is bisected by the directrix.

33. Two equal parabolas having the same focus and their axes in contrary directions intersect at right angles.

34. The radius of curvature at the extremity of the latus rectum is equal to twice the normal.

35. If from any point P of a parabola PF and PH be drawn making equal angles with the normal PG, then $SG^2 = SF \,.\, SH$.

36. If a triangle be inscribed in a parabola, the points when the sides produced meet the tangents at the opposite angles are in the same straight line.

37. If the tangents OQ, OQ' be cut by a third tangent in R, R' prove that

$$OR : RQ :: R'Q' : OR'.$$

38. If from the vertex of a parabola chords be drawn at right angles to one another, and on them a rectangle be described, the curve traced out by the further angle is a parabola.

39. Prove that $2\,PY$ is a mean proportional between AP and the chord of the circle of curvature at the point P of the parabola drawn through the vertex A. (*See fig. Prop.* VII.)

40. Prove that $2\,SP$ is a mean proportional between AS and the portion of the axis of the parabola cut off by the circle of curvature at P.

41. If a circle described upon the chord of a parabola as diameter meet the directrix it also touches it, and all chords for which this is possible intersect in a point.

42. If a parabola *roll* upon another equal parabola, the vertices originally coinciding, the focus traces out the directrix.

43. The circle of curvature at the extremity of the latus rectum intersects the parabola on the diameter of curvature passing through the point of contact.

CHAPTER II.

THE ELLIPSE.

22. Def. The *Ellipse* is the curve traced out by a point which moves in such a manner that its distance from a given fixed point continually bears the same ratio, *less than unity*, to its distance from a given fixed line. (*See Introduction.*)

Prop. I.

The focus and directrix of an ellipse being given, to find any number of points on the curve.

Let S be the focus and MX the directrix.

Draw SX at right angles to the directrix, and divide SX in the point A, so that SA may be to AX in the given fixed ratio less than unity; then

A is a point on the curve.

On XS produced take a point A', such that

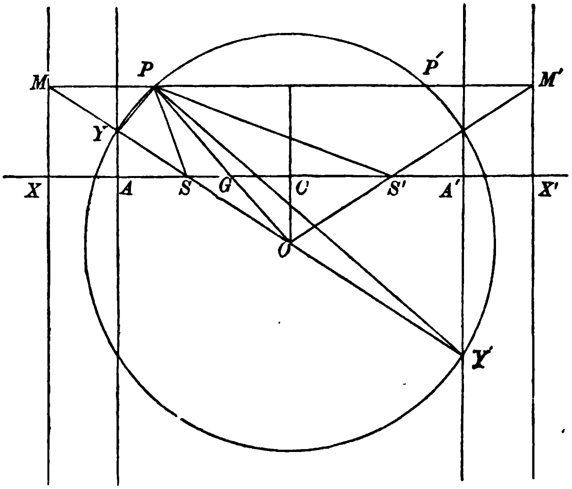
$$SA' : A'X :: SA : AX;$$

then A' will also be a point on the curve.

On the directrix take *any* point M; and through M and S draw the line $MYSY'$, meeting AY and $A'Y'$, drawn at right angles to AA', in the points Y and Y'.

On YY' as diameter describe a circle, and draw MPP' parallel to AA', cutting the circle in the points P and P';

P and P' will be points on the ellipse.



Join PY, PY', SP, $S'P$; then since

$$SY : YM :: SA : AX, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. 2.})$$

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$$\text{and that } SA : AX :: SA' : A'X,$$

$$\therefore SY : YM :: SY' : Y'M;$$

and the angle YPY' in a semicircle is a right angle,

$\therefore$ by the converse of *Euclid*, VI. *Props.* 3 and A,

PY bisects the angle SPM,

$$\therefore SP : PM :: SY : YM,$$

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So we may show that

$$SP' : P'M :: SY : YM,$$

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In the same way, by taking other points on the directrix, we may obtain as many more points on the curve as we please.

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The ellipse is therefore symmetrical, not only with respect to the line AA', but also with respect to the line OC drawn through the middle point of YY' at right angles to and bisecting AA'.

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Let OP meet SS' in G. Produce MP to meet $X'M'$ in M', and draw OM' passing through the focus S'; then

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\text{and } S'G : PM' &:: OG : OP, \\
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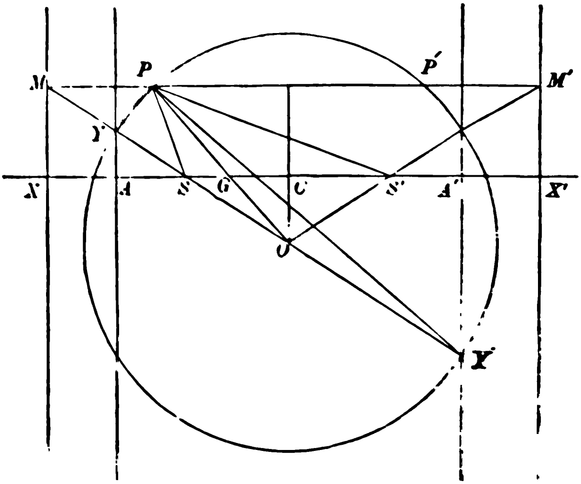

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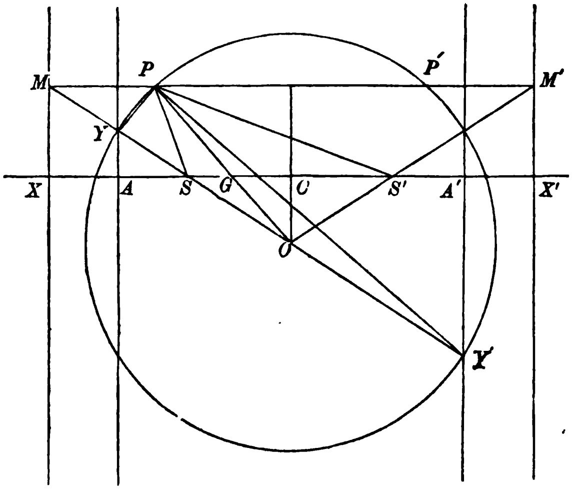

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PROP. II.

23. If C be the middle point of AA', then CA is a mean proportional between CS and CX,

$$\text{or } CS \,.\, CX = CA^2. \quad (\textit{See fig. Prop.}\ \text{III.})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Since } SA' &: A'X :: SA : AX. \\
\text{Alternately } SA' &: SA :: A'X : AX, \\
\therefore\ SA' + SA &: SA :: A'X + AX : AX; \\
\text{or } AA' &: SA :: XX' : AX, \\
\therefore\ AA' &: XX' :: SA : AX, \\
\text{or } CA &: CX :: SA : AX. \quad (1)^* \\
\text{Again, } SA' &: SA :: A'X : AX, \\
\therefore\ SA' - SA &: SA :: A'X - AX : AX; \\
\text{or } SS' &: SA :: AA' : AX. \\
\text{Alternately } SS' &: AA' :: SA : AX; \\
\text{or } CS &: CA :: SA : AX. \quad (2)
\end{aligned}$$

Hence from (1) and (2)

$$CA : CX :: CS : CA,$$

$$\therefore\ CA^2 = CX \,.\, CS;$$

or CA is a mean proportional between CS and SX.

COR. Since the three lines CS, CA, CX are proportional, therefore, by the definition of duplicate ratio and *Euclid*, VI. 20 *Cor.*

$$CS : CX :: CS^2 : CA^2. \quad (3)$$

PROP. III.

24. If P be any point on the ellipse, then

$$SP + S'P = AA'.$$

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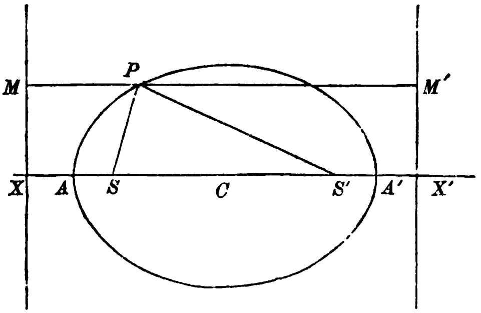
* N.B. The results (1), (2), (3), should be remembered, as they will frequently be referred to.



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\text{and } SA &: AX :: AA' : XX', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{II.}) \\
\therefore\ SP &: PM :: AA' : XX'. \\
\text{So } S'P &: PM' :: AA' : XX', \\
\therefore\ SP + S'P &: PM + PM' :: AA' : XX'. \\
\text{But } PM + PM' &= MM' = XX', \\
\therefore\ SP + S'P &= AA'.
\end{aligned}$$

COR. By means of this property the ellipse may be practically described and the form of the curve determined.

Let a string, equal in length to AA', have its ends fastened to two points S and S'; and let it be kept stretched by means of the point of a pencil at P; then since $SP + S'P$ will be always equal to AA', the point P will trace out the ellipse.

25. DEF. If BCB' be drawn at right angles to ACA', meeting the ellipse in B and B', it is evident that AA' and BB' are respectively the longest and shortest lines that can be drawn in the ellipse. (*See fig. Prop.* IV.)

AA' is called the *Major Axis* and BB' the *Minor Axis* of the ellipse.

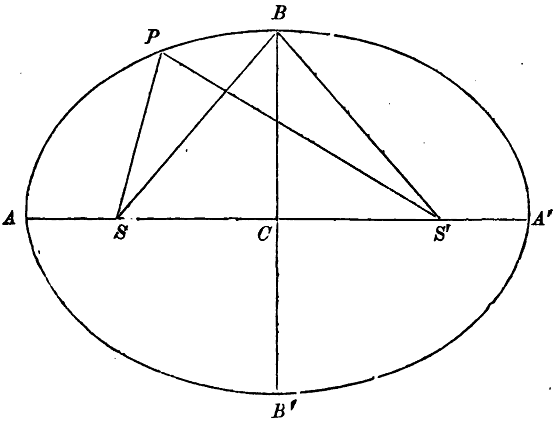
In most geometrical treatises the ellipse is defined as the curve traced out by a point which moves in such a manner that the sum of its distances from two fixed points is always the same; but it appears that the properties of the curve are more clearly exhibited by defining it in a manner analogous to the parabola, and deducing *immediately* from that definition the property in question.

Having now shown that one definition necessarily includes the other, we are at liberty in our future investigations to make use of whichever property is most convenient.

Prop. IV.

26. If BC be the semi-minor axis of the ellipse, then

$$BC^2 = CA^2 - CS^2.$$

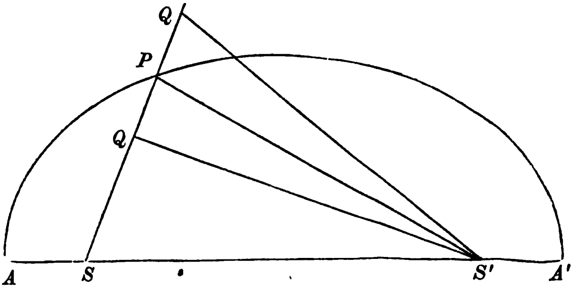


Join SB, $S'B$; then

$$\text{since } SB + S'B = AA', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{III.})$$
$$\text{and that } SB = S'B,$$
$$\therefore\ SB = AC.$$
$$\text{But } BC^2 = SB^2 - CS^2,$$
$$\therefore\ BC^2 = CA^2 - CS^2.$$

PROP. V.

27. The sum of the distances of *any* point from the foci of an ellipse will be less or greater than AA' according as the point is inside or outside the ellipse.



(1.) Let Q be a point inside the ellipse.

Join SQ, $S'Q$; and produce SQ to meet the ellipse in P; join $S'P$; then

$$\text{since } S'P + QP > S'Q,$$

$$\therefore\ S'P + SP > S'Q + SQ.$$

$$\text{But } S'P + SP = AA', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{III.})$$

$$\therefore\ SQ + S'Q < AA'.$$

(2.) Let Q be a point outside the ellipse.

Join SQ, $S'Q$, and let SQ meet the ellipse in the point P; join $S'P$; then

$$\text{since } S'Q + QP > S'P,$$

$$\therefore\ S'Q + SQ > SP + S'P.$$

$$\text{But } SP + S'P = AA', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{III.})$$

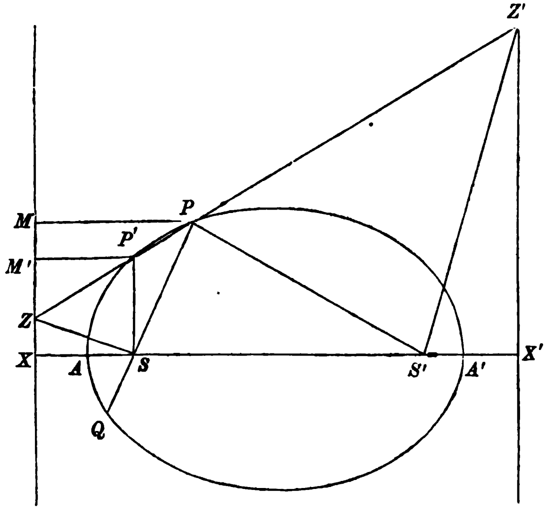
$$\therefore\ SQ + S'Q > AA'.$$

COR. Conversely, a point will be inside or outside the ellipse according as the sum of its distances from the foci is less or greater than AA'.

28. Def. If a point P' be taken on the ellipse near to P, (*see fig. Prop.* VI.) and PP' be joined, the line PP' produced, in the limiting position which it assumes when P' is made to approach indefinitely near to P, is called the *Tangent* to the ellipse at the point P.

Prop. VI.

If the tangent to the ellipse at any point P intersect the directrix in the point Z, and if S be the focus corresponding to the directrix on which Z is situated, then SZ will be at right angles to SP.



Let P' be a point on the ellipse near to P.

Draw the chord PP', and produce it to meet the directrix in Z; join SZ.

Draw PM, $P'M'$ at right angles to the directrix, and join SP, SP'.

Produce PS to meet the ellipse in the point Q; then since the triangles ZMP, $ZM'P'$ are similar,

$$\therefore ZP : ZP' :: MP : M'P',$$
$$:: SP : SP',$$

$\therefore$ SZ bisects the angle $P'SQ$. (*Euclid*, VI. *Prop.* A.)

Now when P' is indefinitely near to P, and PP' becomes the tangent at the point P, the angle PSP' becomes indefinitely small, while the angle QSP' approaches two right angles; and therefore the angle ZSP', being half of the angle $P'SQ$, becomes ultimately a right angle.

Hence when PZ becomes the tangent at the point P,

the angle ZSP is a right angle,

or SZ is perpendicular to SP.

COR. 1. Conversely, if SZ be drawn at right angles to SP meeting the directrix in Z, and PZ be joined, PZ will be the tangent at P.

COR. 2. If ZP be produced to meet the other directrix on the point Z', and $S'Z'$ be joined, then

$S'Z'$ is at right angles to $S'P$.

COR. 3. The tangents at the extremities of the latus rectum or double ordinate through the focus meet the axis produced in the point X.

PROP. VII.

The tangent to the ellipse at any point P makes equal angles with the focal distances SP and $S'P$.

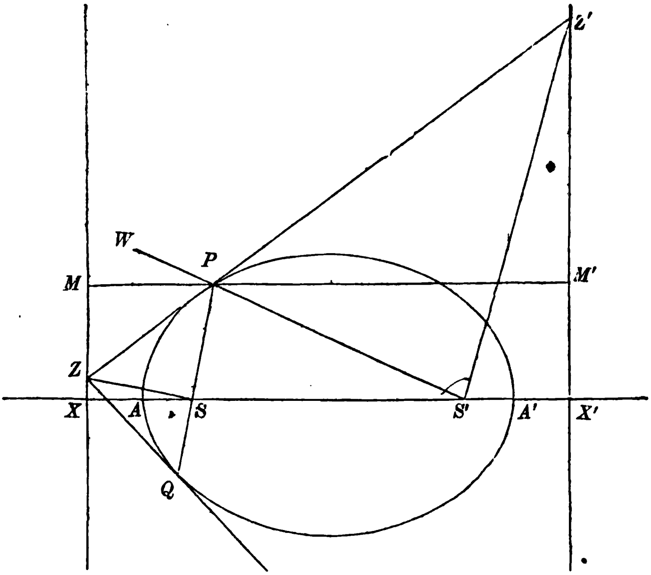
Let the tangent at P meet the directrices in Z and Z'.

Draw MPM' at right angles to the directrices, meeting them in M and M' respectively; join SZ, $S'Z'$; then

$$SP : PM :: S'P : PM';$$

and since the triangles MPZ, $M'PZ'$, are similar,

$$PM : PZ :: PM' : PZ',$$
$$\therefore SP : PZ :: S'P : PZ'. \quad (\textit{Ex æquali.})$$



Now in the triangles SPZ, $S'PZ'$, because the sides about the angles SPZ, $S'PZ'$ are proportional, and the angles PSZ, $PS'Z'$ are equal, being right angles, and the angles SZP, $S'Z'P$ are each less than a right angle,

∴ the triangles SPZ and $S'PZ'$ are similar, (*Euclid*, VI. 7.)

∴ the angle $SPZ =$ the angle $S'PZ'$.

Cor. If $S'P$ be produced to W; then

the angle $SPZ =$ the angle WPZ.

Prop. VIII.

The tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect in the directrix.

Let PSQ be a focal chord, and let the tangent at P meet the directrix in Z.

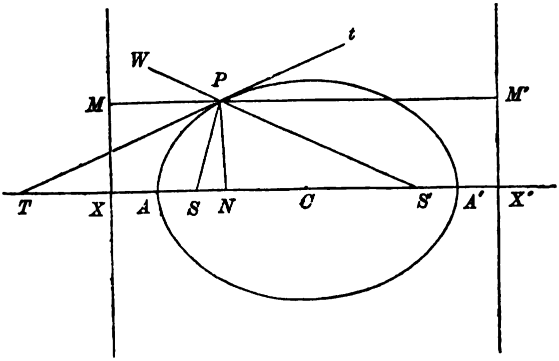
Join SZ; then

the angle ZSP is a right angle, (*Prop.* VI.)
and $\therefore$ also the angle ZSQ is a right angle,
$\therefore$ ZQ is the tangent at Q; (*Prop.* VI. *Cor.* 1.)
or the tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect in the directrix.

PROP. IX.

29. If the tangent at P meet the axis major produced in T, and PN be the ordinate of the point P, then

$$CT \,.\, CN = CA^2.$$

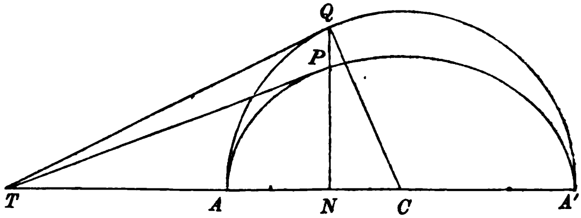


Draw MPM' parallel to the axis major meeting the directrices in M and M'; and produce $S'P$ to W; then, since PT bisects the angle SPW, (*Prop.* VII. *Cor.*)

$$\therefore\ S'T : ST :: S'P : SP, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. A.})$$
$$:: PM' : PM,$$
$$:: X'N : XN,$$
$$\therefore\ S'T + ST : S'T - ST :: X'N + XN : X'N - XN;$$
$$\text{or } 2\,CT : 2\,CS :: 2\,CX : 2\,CN,$$
$$\text{or } CT : CS :: CX : CN,$$
$$\therefore\ CT \,.\, CN = CS \,.\, CX,$$
$$= CA^2. \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{II.})$$

Prop. X.

If on the major axis of an ellipse as diameter a circle be described and a common ordinate NPQ be drawn meeting the ellipse in P and the circle in Q, then the tangents to the ellipse and circle respectively at the points P and Q will meet the major axis produced in the same point.



Let the tangent to the ellipse at P meet the major axis produced in T; join CQ, QT; then, by the last Proposition,

$$CT.CN = CA^2 = CQ^2,$$

$$\therefore \text{ the angle } CQT \text{ is a right angle.}$$

And therefore QT is the tangent to the circle at Q; or the tangents at P and Q meet the major axis produced in the same point T.

The circle described on AA' as diameter is called the *Auxiliary Circle* on account of the important aid that it affords in investigating the properties of the ellipse.

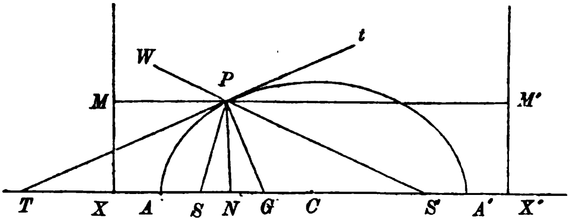
30. **Def.** The line PG, drawn at right angles to the tangent PT, is called the *Normal* to the ellipse at the point P.

Prop. XI.

If the normal at P meet the major axis in the point G; then

$$SG : SP :: CS : CA.$$

Since PG is at right angles to TPt,



$\therefore$ the angle $GPT =$ the angle GPt.

But the angle $SPT =$ the angle $S'Pt$, (*Prop.* VII.)

$\therefore$ the angle $SPG =$ the angle $S'PG$,

or PG bisects the angle SPS',

$$\therefore SG : S'G :: SP : S'P, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. } 3.)$$

$$\therefore SG : SG + S'G :: SP : SP + S'P;$$

$$\text{or } SG : SS' :: SP : AA';$$

$$\text{or } SG : SP :: SS' : AA';$$

$$\text{or } SG : SP :: CS : CA.$$

Cor. Hence also,

$$S'G : S'P :: CS : CA.$$

Prop. XII.

31. If the normal at P meet the major axis in G, and PN be the ordinate at the point P, then (*See fig. Prop.* XI.)

$$NG : NC :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

Draw MPM' parallel to the axis meeting the directrices in M and M'; join SP, $S'P$; then, since PG bisects the angle SPS', (*Prop.* XI.)

$$\therefore S'G : SG :: S'P : SP,$$

$$:: PM' : PM,$$

$$:: X'N : XN,$$

$$\therefore S'G - SG : S'G + SG :: X'N - XN : X'N + XN;$$

$$\text{or } 2\,CG : SS' :: 2\,CN : XX'.$$

$$\text{Alternately, } 2\,CG : 2\,CN :: SS' : XX';$$

$$\text{or } CG : CN :: CS : CX,$$

$$:: CS^2 : CA^2, \text{ (\textit{Prop.} II. \textit{Cor.})}$$

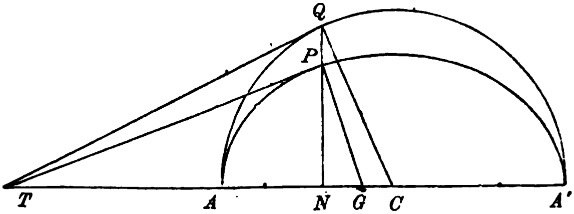
$$\therefore\ CN - CG : CN :: CA^2 - CS^2 : CA^2;$$

$$\text{or } NG : CN :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

Prop. XIII.

32. If PN be the ordinate of any point P on the ellipse; then

$$PN^2 : AN.A'N :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$



Produce NP to meet the auxiliary circle in the point Q, and draw the tangents PT, QT meeting the major axis produced in the point T. (*Prop.* X.)

Join CQ, and let the normal at P meet the ellipse in G; then, by the last Proposition,

$$NG : CN :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

And rectangles of the same altitude are to another as their bases,

$$\therefore\ TN.NG : TN.CN :: BC^2 : AC^2;$$

$$\text{or } PN^2 : QN^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2. \quad \text{(\textit{Euclid}, VI. 8 \textit{Cor.})}$$

$$\text{But } QN^2 = AN.A'N,$$

since the angle AQA' in a semicircle is a right angle,

$$\therefore\ PN^2 : AN.A'N :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

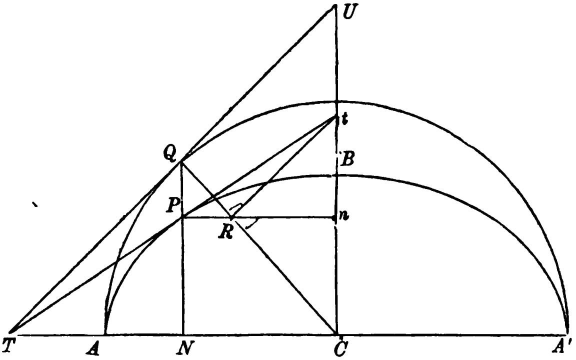
COR. Also $PN : QN :: BC : AC$.

This result is the basis of many of the future Propositions of the ellipse.

PROP. XIV.

If the tangent at any point P of an ellipse meet the minor axis CB produced in t, and Pn be drawn at right angles to CB; then

$$Ct \,.\, Cn = BC^2.$$



Draw the common ordinate NPQ to the ellipse and the auxiliary circle; and let the tangents at P and Q to the ellipse and circle respectively meet the major axis produced in T (*Prop.* X.) and the minor axis produced in t and U.

Join CQ meeting Pn in R; then since PR is parallel to CN,

$$CR : CQ :: PN : QN,$$

$$:: BC : AC. \quad (\textit{Prop. XIII. Cor.})$$

$$\text{But } CQ = AC,$$

$$\therefore\ CR = BC. \quad (1)$$

Again, joining Rt,

$$Ct : CU :: PN : QN,$$

$$:: CR : CQ,$$

$\therefore$ Rt is parallel to QU,

$\therefore$ CRt is a right angle,

$\therefore$ $Ct \cdot Cn = CR^2$ (*Euclid*, VI. 8 *Cor.*)

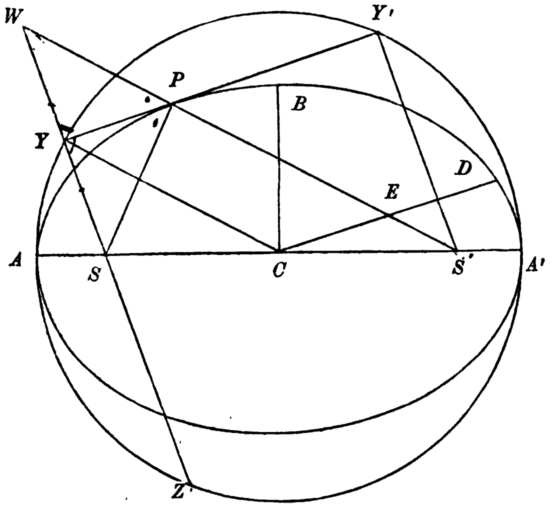
But $CR = BC$, (1)

$\therefore$ $Ct \cdot Cn = BC^2$.

PROP. XV.

33. If from the foci S and S', SY and $S'Y'$ are drawn at right angles to the tangent at P, then Y and Y' are on the circumference of the auxiliary circle, and

$$SY \cdot S'Y' = BC^2.$$



Join SP, $S'P$, and produce SY and $S'P$ to meet in W; and join CY; then

since the angle $SPY =$ the angle WPY, (*Prop.* VII. *Cor.*)

and the angle $SYP =$ the angle WYP,

and the side PY is common to the triangles SPY, WPY,

$\therefore$ the triangle $SPY =$ the triangle WPY in all respects,

$$\therefore SP = PW,$$

$$\therefore SP + S'P = S'W.$$

$$\text{But } SP + S'P = AA', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{III.})$$

$$\therefore S'W = AA'.$$

Again $\because$ $SC = S'C$ and $SY = YW$,

$$\therefore SC : S'C :: SY : YW,$$

$$\therefore CY \text{ is parallel to } S'W,$$

$$\therefore CY : S'W :: CS : SS',$$

$$\therefore CY = \tfrac{1}{2} S'W = CA.$$

$$\text{So } CY' = CA,$$

$\therefore$ Y and Y' are points on the auxiliary circle.

Next let YS be produced to meet the auxiliary circle in Z, and join ZY'; then

since the angle ZYY' is a right angle,

$\therefore$ ZY' passes through the centre C,

$\because$ the angle $SCZ =$ the angle $S'CY'$.

$$\therefore SZ = S'Y',$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore SY \, . \, S'Y' &= SY \, . \, SZ, \\ &= AS \, . \, A'S, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{III. } 35) \\ &= CA^2 - CS^2, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{II. } 5) \\ &= BC^2. \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{IV.}) \end{aligned}$$

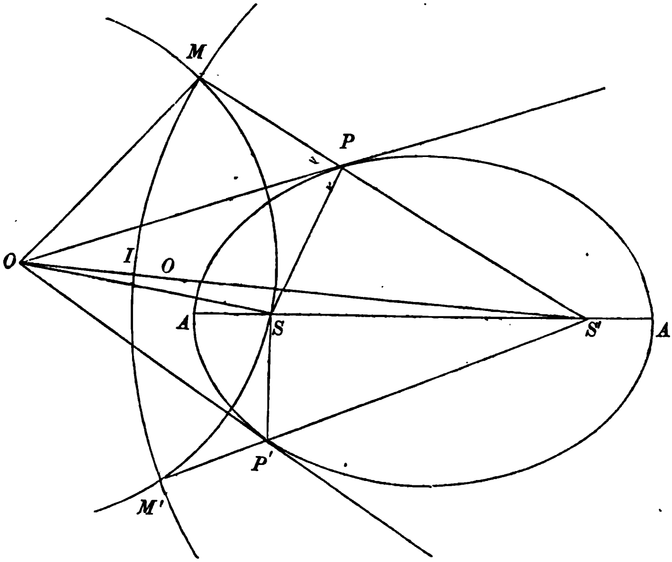
Cor. If CD be drawn parallel to the tangent at P, meeting $S'P$ in E; then

since the figure $CYPE$ is a parallelogram,

$$\therefore PE = CY = AC.$$

Prop. XVI.

34. To draw a pair of tangents to an ellipse from an external point O.



With centre S' and radius equal to AA' describe a circle.

Join OS, OS'; and let $S'O$ or $S'O$ produced meet the circle in the point I.

Now, if O be a point outside the circle MIM', it is evident that OS is greater than OI; and if O be inside the circle,

$$\text{since } OS + OS' > AA' \text{ or } S'I, \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{V.})$$

$$\therefore\ OS > OI.$$

With centre O and radius OS describe another circle cutting the former in the points M and M', which it will always do since OS is greater than OI.

Join $S'M$, $S'M'$, meeting the ellipse in the points P and P'.

Join OP, OP'; these will be the tangents required.

Join SP, SP'; then since

$$SP + S'P = AA' = S'M,$$

$\therefore$ $SP = PM$.

And $\because$ SP, $PO = MP$, PO each to each,

and $OS = OM$,

$\therefore$ the angle $OPS =$ the angle OPM,

$\therefore$ OP is the tangent at P. (*Prop.* VII. *Cor.*)

So OP' is the tangent at P'.

PROP. XVII.

If from a point O a pair of tangents OP, OP' be drawn to an ellipse, then OP and OP' will subtend equal angles at either focus.

Join SP, $S'P$; SP', $S'P'$; and produce $S'P$, $S'P'$ to M and M', making PM equal to SP, and $P'M'$ equal to SP'.

Join OM, OM'; OS, OS'.

Then since OP, $PS = OP$, PM, each to each,

and the angle $OPS =$ the angle OPM, (*Prop.* VII. *Cor.*)

$\therefore$ $OS = OM$,

and the angle $OSP =$ the angle OMP.

So $OS = OM'$,

and the angle $OSP' =$ the angle $OM'P'$,

$\therefore$ $OM = OM'$.

Again $\because$ $S'M = S'P + SP = AA'$,

and $S'M' = S'P' + SP' = AA'$,

$\therefore$ $S'M = S'M'$.

And $\because$ OS', $S'M = OS'$, $S'M'$, each to each,

and $OM = OM'$,

$\therefore$ the angle $OS'M =$ the angle $OS'M'$,

and the angle $OMS' =$ the angle $OM'S'$.

But the angle $OMS' =$ the angle OSP,

and the angle $OM'S' =$ the angle OSP',

$\therefore$ the angle $OSP =$ the angle OSP',

$\therefore$ OP and OP' subtend equal angles at either focus.

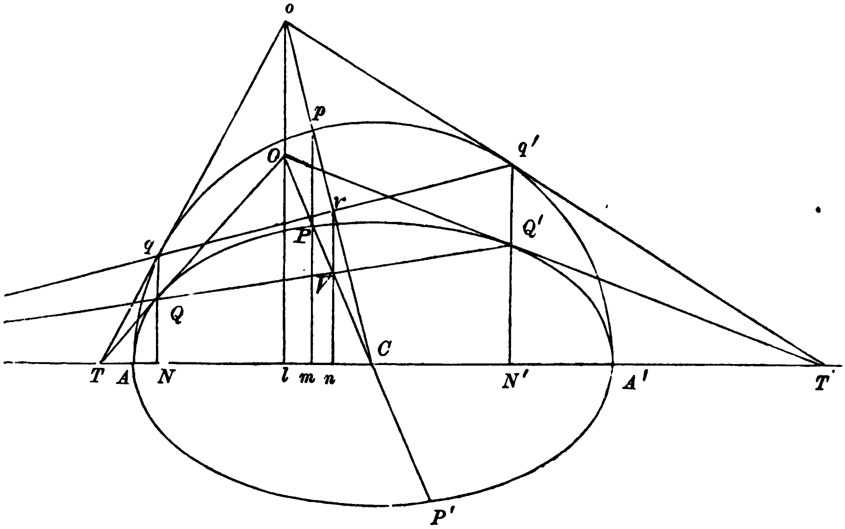
Prop. XVIII.

35. If from an external point O a pair of tangents OQ, OQ' be drawn to an ellipse, and CO be joined meeting the chord QQ' in V, and the ellipse in P; then

(1.) QQ' will be bisected in V.

(2.) The tangent at P will be parallel to QQ'.

(3.) CP will be a mean proportional between CV and CO.



Produce OQ, OQ' to meet the major axis produced in T and T'.

Draw the ordinate NQ, $N'Q'$, and produce them to meet the circle in q and q'.

Then Tq and $T'q'$ will be tangents to the auxiliary circle. (*Prop.* X.)

Let Tq and $T'q'$ be produced to meet in o; join Co meeting the chord qq' in v, and the circle in p.

Now, since the corresponding ordinates of the ellipse and auxiliary circle are in the constant ratio of BC to AC, the three lines ol, pm, vn drawn at right angles to AA' will pass through the points O, P, V respectively.

For, according as O is the point where ol meets TQ or $T'Q'$ we shall have

$$\begin{aligned} lO : lo &:: NQ : Nq, \\ &:: BC : AC; \\ \text{or } lO : lo &:: N'Q' : N'q', \\ &:: BC : AC, \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$ Oo is perpendicular to AA'.

So Pp and Vv are perpendicular to AA',

$\therefore$ Oo, Pp, Vv are parallel.

Hence (1.) $QV : VQ' :: qv : vq'$.

But $qv = vq'$ from the circle,

$\therefore$ $QV = VQ'$;

or QQ' is bisected in V.

(2.) Since $NQ : Nq :: N'Q' : N'q'$

it is evident that QQ' and qq' will meet the axis produced in the same point.

Also the tangents to the ellipse and circle at P and p respectively will meet the axis in the same point.

Now in the circle the tangent at p is manifestly parallel to qq',

and $NQ : Nq :: mP : mp$,

$\therefore$ the tangent at P is parallel to QQ'.

(3.) If Cq be joined, since the angle Cqo is a right angle, and Co is perpendicular to qq',

$\therefore$ $Cv : Cq :: Cq : Co$, (*Euclid*, VI. 8 *Cor.*)

or, since $Cq = Cp$,

$Cv : Cp :: Cp : Co$.

$$\text{But } Cv : Cp :: CV : CP,$$
$$\text{and } Cp : Co :: CP : CO,$$
$$\therefore CV : CP :: CP : CO,$$
$$\therefore CO \cdot CV = CP^2.$$

COR. From this it is manifest that if any number of chords be drawn parallel to each other in an ellipse, their middle points will all lie on the line drawn from the centre to the point where the tangent parallel to the chord meets the ellipse.

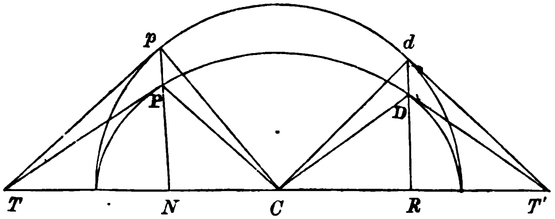
DEF. The line PCP' drawn through the centre of an ellipse and meeting the curve in P and P' is called a *Diameter.*

The diameter consequently bisects all chords parallel to the tangents at its extremities; and the tangents at the extremities of any chord will intersect the diameter corresponding to that chord in the same point.

36. DEF. If CD be drawn parallel to the tangent at P, then CD is said to be *conjugate* to CP.

PROP. XIX.

In the ellipse if CD be conjugate to CP, then will CP be conjugate to CD.



Draw the ordinates PN, DR, and produce them to meet the auxiliary circle in the points p, d.

Join CP, Cp; CD, Cd; and draw the tangents TP, Tp; $T'D$, $T'd$.

Now, since CD is parallel to PT,

$\therefore$ the triangle PNT is similar to the triangle DRC,

$\therefore TN : CR :: PN : DR,$

$:: Np : Rd,$ (*Prop.* XIII. *Cor.*)

$\therefore Tp$ is parallel to Cd.

$\therefore$ the angle pCd is a right angle,

$\therefore Cp$ is parallel to $T'd$,

$\therefore$ the triangle pCN is similar to the triangle $dT'R$,

$\therefore NC : RT' :: Np : Rd,$

$:: NP : RD,$

$\therefore CP$ is parallel to DT',

$\therefore CP$ is conjugate to CD.

Cor. Since CRd and CNp are each similar to dRT', (*Euclid*, VI. 8,)

$\therefore$ the triangle CRd is similar to the triangle CNp,

and the side $Cd =$ the side Cp,

$\therefore$ the triangle $CRd =$ the triangle CNp in all respects,

$\therefore CN = Rd$, and $CR = Np$,

Hence $DR : CN :: DR : Rd,$

$:: BC : AC;$

also $PN : CR :: PN : Np.$

$:: BC : AC.$

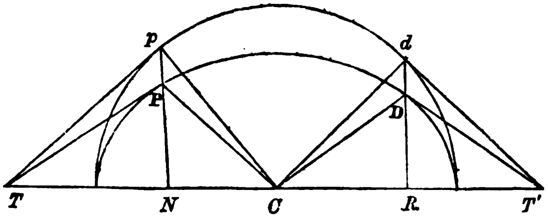
Prop. XX.

37. If CP and CD be conjugate semi-diameters, and PN, DR be the ordinates of the points P and D; then

(1.) $CN^2 + CR^2 = AC^2$.

(2.) $PN^2 + DR^2 = BC^2$.

(3.) $CP^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + BC^2$,



Produce NP, RD to meet the auxiliary circle in the points p, d; then

$$CN = Rd, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XIX}.\ \textit{Cor.})$$

$$\therefore\ CN^2 + CR^2 = Rd^2 + CR^2,$$

$$= Cd^2$$

$$= CA^2.$$

$$\text{Again, } PN : Np :: BC : AC,$$

$$\therefore\ PN^2 : Np^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

$$\text{So } DR^2 : Rd^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2,$$

$$\therefore\ PN^2 + DR^2 : Np^2 + Rd^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2;$$

$$\text{but } Np^2 + Rd^2 = CR^2 + CN^2,$$

$$= AC^2,$$

$$\therefore\ PN^2 + DR^2 = BC^2,$$

$$\text{and } CN^2 + CR^2 = AC^2,$$

$$\therefore\ CP^2 + CD^2 = AC^2 + BC^2.$$

38. DEF. A line QV drawn parallel to the tangent at P, and meeting CP in V, is called an *Ordinate* to the diameter CP.

PROP. XXI.

If QV be any ordinate to the diameter PCP', and CD be conjugate to CP; then

$$QV^2 : PV.P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2.$$

Draw the tangent UQW meeting CP and CD produced in U and W; and draw QR parallel CP meeting CD in R.

Now, since $CV : CP :: CP : CU$, (*Prop.* XVIII.)

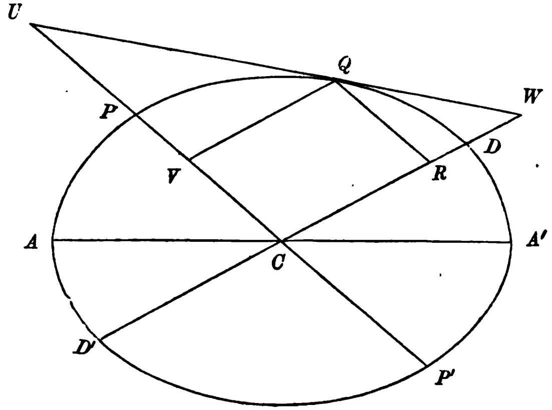
$\therefore CV : CU :: CV^2 : CP^2$, (*Euclid*, VI. 20 *Cor.*)

$\therefore CU - CV : CU :: CP^2 - CV^2 : CP^2$,

or $UV : CU :: PV . P'V : CP^2$.

But since the triangles QVU, UCW are similar,

$UV : QV :: CU : CW$.



Alternately $UV : CU :: QV : CW$,

$:: CR : CW$,

$\therefore CR : CW :: PV . P'V : CP^2$.

But since the tangent at D is parallel to CU (*Prop.* XIX.), and therefore to QR,

$CR : CD :: CD : CW$, (*Prop.* XVIII.)

$\therefore CR : CW :: CR^2 : CD^2$, (*Euclid*, VI. 20 *Cor.*)

$:: QV^2 : CD^2$.

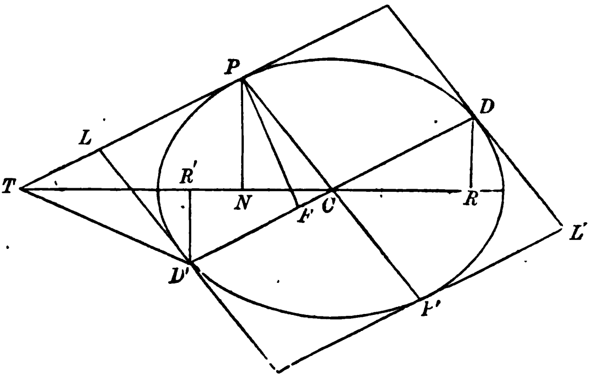
Hence $QV^2 : CD^2 :: PV . P'V : CP^2$,

or alternately $QV^2 : PV . P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2$.

Prop. XXII.

39. The area of any parallelogram formed by drawing tangents to an ellipse at the extremities of a pair of conjugate diameters is equal to the rectangle contained by the axes of the ellipse.

Let PCP', DCD' be a pair of conjugate diameters, and let a parallelogram be formed by drawing tangents at the points P, P', D, D'.



Let the tangent at P meet CA produced in T; join $D'T$.

Draw the ordinates PN, DR, $D'R'$; then since PT is parallel to CD', the parallelogram PD' is double the triangle CTD', and therefore equal to the rectangle contained by CT and $D'R'$.

Now $D'R' : CN :: BC : AC$, (*Prop.* XIX. *Cor.*)

$\therefore CT.D'R' : CT.CN :: BC : AC$, (*Euclid*, VI. 1,)

$:: BC.AC : AC^2$. (*Euclid*, VI. 1.

But $CT.CN = AC^2$,

$\therefore CT.D'R' = AC.BC$,

$\therefore$ the parallelogram $LL' = 4$ the parallelogram PD',

$= 4\,AC.BC$,

$= AA'.BB'$.

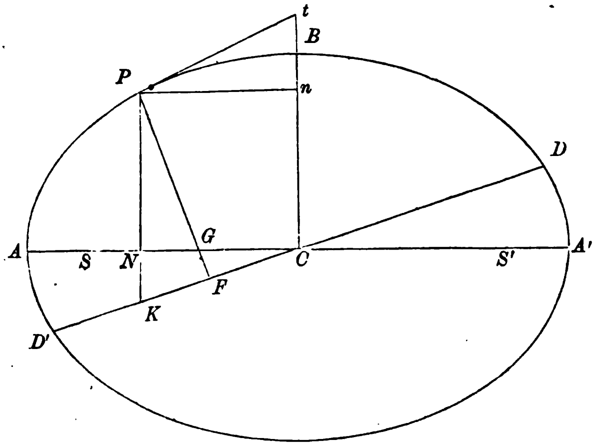
COR. If PF be drawn at right angles to DCD' meeting CD' in F; then

$$PF.CD' = \text{area of parallelogram } PD',$$
$$= AC.BC.$$

PROP. XXIII.

40. If CP and CD be conjugate diameters, and PF be drawn at right angles to CD meeting CA in G, then

$$PF.PG = BC^2.$$



Draw the ordinate PN, and produce it to meet CD' in K.

Also draw Pn at right angles to CB, and let the tangent at P meet CB produced in t.

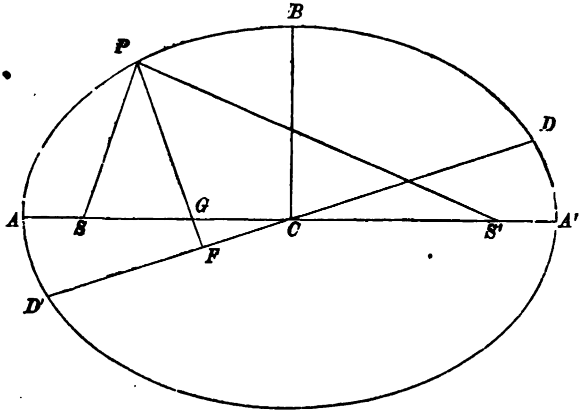
Now, since the angles at N and F are right angles, it is evident that a circle may be described about the quadrilateral figure $NKFG$;

$$\therefore PG.PF = PN.PK, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{ III. 36 } \textit{Cor.})$$
$$= Ct.Cn,$$
$$= BC^2. \quad (\textit{Prop.} \text{ XIV.})$$

PROP. XXIV.

41. If P be any point on the ellipse, and CD be conjugate to CP, then

$$SP \cdot S'P = CD^2.$$



Draw the normal PG and produce it to meet CD' in F; then since CD' is parallel to the tangent at P,

$\therefore$ PF is at right angles to CD',

$\therefore$ $PF \cdot CD = AC \cdot BC$, (*Prop.* XXII. *Cor.*)

and $PF \cdot PG = BC^2 = BC \cdot BC$, (*Prop.* XXIII.)

$\therefore$ $CD : PG :: AC : BC$. (1)

Again, $SP : SG :: CA : CS$, (*Prop.* XI.)

$S'P : S'G :: CA : CS$. (*Prop.* XI.)

Compounding $SP \cdot S'P : SG \cdot S'G :: CA^2 : CS^2$,

$\therefore$ $SP \cdot S'P : SP \cdot S'P - SG \cdot S'G :: CA^2 : CA^2 - CS^2$.

But $SP \cdot S'P - SG \cdot S'G = PG^2$, (*Euclid*, VI. *Prop.* B.)

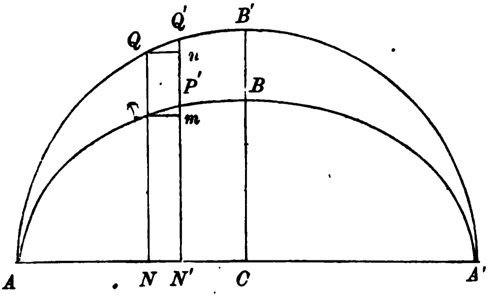
$\therefore$ $SP \cdot S'P : PG^2 :: CA^2 : BC^2$.

But from (1) $CD^2 : PG^2 :: CA^2 : BC^2$,

$\therefore$ $SP \cdot S'P = CD^2$.

PROP. XXV.

42. The area of the ellipse is to the area of the auxiliary circle as BC to AC.



Let PN and $P'N'$ be two ordinates of the ellipse near together.

Produce NP, $N'P'$, to meet the auxiliary circle in Q and Q'.

Draw Pm, Qn, perpendicular to $Q'N'$.

Then

the parallelogram PN' : the parallelogram QN' :: $PN : QN$,
:: $BC : AC$.

And the same will be true for all the parallelograms that can be similarly described in the ellipse and auxiliary circle.

Hence the sum of all the parallelograms inscribed in the ellipse is to the sum of all the parallelograms inscribed in the circle as BC to AC.

And this holds however the number of parallelograms be increased.

But when the number of parallelograms is increased, and the breadth of each diminished indefinitely, the sum of the parallelograms inscribed in the ellipse will be equal to the area of the ellipse, and the sum of those inscribed in the circle to the area of the circle. Hence

the area of the ellipse : the area of the circle :: BC : AC.

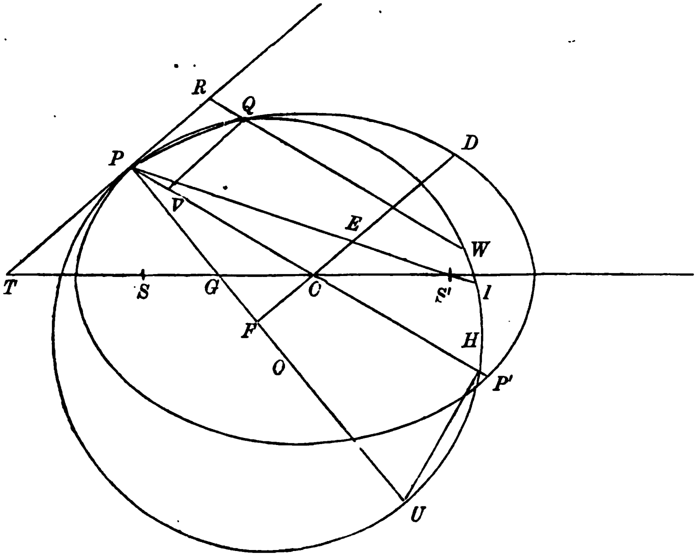
43. DEF. If with a point O on the normal at P as centre, and OP as radius, a circle be described touching the ellipse at P, and cutting it in Q; then, when the point Q is made to approach indefinitely near to P, the circle is called the *Circle of Curvature* at the point P.

PROP. XXVI.

If PH be the chord of the circle of curvature at the point P of an ellipse, which passes through the centre; then

$$PH \cdot CP = 2\,CD^2.$$

Let PT be the tangent, and PG the normal at the point P.



With centre O, and radius OP, describe a circle cutting the ellipse in the point Q.

Draw RQW parallel to CP, meeting the circle in W, and TP produced in R.

Also, draw QV parallel to PR, meeting the diameter PP' in V; then, since RP touches the circle at P,

$$\therefore RQ \, . \, RW = PR^2 \text{ (\textit{Euclid}, III. 36)},$$

$$\text{or } PV \, . \, RW = QV^2,$$

$$\text{But } QV^2 : PV \, . \, P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2 \text{ (\textit{Prop.} XXI.)}$$

$$\therefore PV \, . \, RW : PV \, . \, P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2,$$

$$\text{or } RW : P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2.$$

Now, when the circle becomes the circle of curvature at P, the points R and Q move up to, and coincide with P, and the lines RW and PH become equal, while

$P'V$ becomes equal to PP', or $2\,CP$.

Hence, $PH : 2\,CP :: CD^2 : CP^2$.

$$\therefore PH \, . \, CP : 2\,CP^2 :: 2\,CD^2 : 2\,CP^2.$$

$$\therefore PH \, . \, CP = 2\,CD^2.$$

Prop. XXVII.

If PU be the diameter of the circle of curvature at the point P of the ellipse, and PF be drawn at right angles to CD; then

$$PU \, . \, PF = 2\,CD^2.$$

Since the triangle PHU is similar to the triangle PFC.

$$\therefore PU : PH :: CP : PF,$$

$$\therefore PU \, . \, PF = PH \, . \, CP,$$

$$= 2\,CD^2 \text{ (\textit{Prop.} XXVI.)}$$

Prop. XXVIII.

If PI be the chord of the circle of curvature through the focus of the ellipse; then

$$PI \, . \, AC = 2\,CD^2.$$

Let PI meet CD in E; then, since the triangles PIU and PEF are similar,

$$\therefore PI : PU :: PF : PE.$$

But $PE = AC$ (*Prop.* XV. *Cor.*)

$$\therefore PI : PU :: PF : AC.$$

$$\therefore PI.AC = PU.PF,$$

$$= 2\,CD^2 \text{ (*Prop.* XXVII.)}$$

Prop. XXIX.

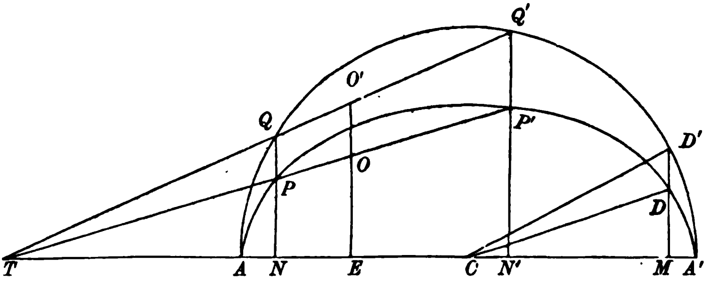
44. If two chords of an ellipse intersect one another, the rectangles contained by their segments are proportional to the squares of the diameters parallel to them.

Let POP' be any chord drawn through the point O, and let CD be the semi-diameter parallel to it.

Draw the ordinates NP, $N'P'$, MD, and produce them to meet the auxiliary circle in Q, Q', D'; then

since $NP : NQ :: N'P' : N'Q'$, (*Prop.* XIII. *Cor.*)

it is evident that PP' and QQ' will meet the axis produced in the same point T.



Also, since $NP : NQ :: MD : MD'$, (*Prop.* XIII. *Cor.*)

and TPP' is parallel to CD,

$\therefore TQQ'$ is parallel to CD'.

Draw EO parallel to NQ or $N'Q'$, and produce it to meet QQ' in O'; then

$$PO : QO' :: TO : TO',$$

$$\text{and } P'O : Q'O' :: TO : TO',$$

$$\therefore PO.P'O : QO'.Q'O' :: TO^2 : TO'^2,$$

$$:: CD^2 : CD'^2,$$

$$:: CD^2 : AC^2.$$

Alternately, $PO.P'O : CD^2 :: QO'.Q'O' : AC^2$.

Again, if through the point O any other chord pOp' be drawn,

$$\text{since } EO : EO' :: BC : AC,$$

it is manifest that the corresponding chord qq' in the auxiliary circle will pass through the point O'; and if Cd be the semi-diameter parallel to pp' we shall have as before,

$$pO.p'O : Cd^2 :: qO'.q'O' : AC^2.$$

But $QO.Q'O' = qO.q'O'$ (*Euclid*, VI. 35),

$$\therefore PO.P'O : CD^2 :: pO.p'O : Cd^2,$$

$$\text{or } PO.P'O : pO.p'O :: CD^2 : Cd^2.$$

The same result may be shown to be true when the point O is without the ellipse.

PROBLEMS ON THE ELLIPSE.

1. In what position of P is the angle SPS' greatest?

2. The latus rectum is a third proportional to the axis major and axis minor.

3. Construct on the axis minor as base, a rectangle which shall be to the triangle SLS' in the duplicate ratio of the major axis to the minor axis, L being the extremity of the latus rectum.

4. If a series of ellipses be described having the same major axis; the tangents at the extremities of their latera recta will all meet the minor axis in the same point.

5. Find the locus of the centres of all the ellipses having the same focus, and touching a given straight line.

6. Given the foci, it is required to describe an ellipse touching a given straight line.

7. If PT be a tangent to an ellipse, meeting the axis in T, and AP, $A'P$, be produced to meet the perpendicular to the major axis through T in Q and Q', then $QT = Q'T$.

8. If the angle SBS' be a right angle, prove that $CA^2 = 2\,CB^2$.

9. If CP be a semi-diameter, and AQO be drawn parallel to CP meeting the curve in Q, and CB produced in O, then $CP^2 = AO \,.\, AQ$.

10. If AB, CD, which are not parallel, make equal angles with either axis, the lines AC, BD, as also AD, BC, will make equal angles with either axis.

11. PSp is any focal chord. PA and pA are produced to meet the directrix in Q and q. Prove that the angle QSq is a right angle.

12. If a circle be described touching the axis major in one focus, and passing through one extremity of the axis minor; AC will be a mean proportional between the diameter of this circle and BC.

13. If $PQQ'P'$ be a chord of the auxiliary circle, and a circle be described on the minor axis as diameter, cutting the chord in Q and Q', then $PQ \cdot P'Q = CS^2$.

14. If PG be the normal at P, and GL be drawn at right angles to SP, then $PL = \frac{1}{2}$ latus rectum.

15. The sum of the squares of the normals at the extremities of conjugate diameters is constant.

16. If on the normal at P, PQ be taken equal to the semi-conjugate diameter CD, the locus of Q is a circle whose radius is $AC - BC$.

17. Find the locus of the intersection of a pair of tangents at right angles to each other.

18. P is any point on an ellipse. To any point Q on the curve draw AQ, $A'Q$, meeting NP in R and S, and prove that $NR \cdot NS = NP^2$.

19. If PG be a normal, and GL perpendicular to SP, the ratio of GL to PN is constant.

20. If NP produced meet the tangent at the extremity of the latus rectum in Q, then $QN = PS$.

21. In an ellipse the tangent at any point makes a greater

angle with the focal distance than with the perpendicular on the directrix.

22. A diameter of an ellipse, parallel to the tangent at any point, meets the focal distances of the point, and from the points of intersection lines are drawn perpendicular to the focal distances. Prove that these lines intersect in the axis minor.

23. The subnormal is a third proportional to CT and BC.

24. If PN be the ordinate of P, prove that $NY : NY' :: PY : PY'$. (*See fig. Prop.* XV.)

25. If from C lines be drawn parallel and perpendicular to the tangent at P, they enclose a part of one of the focal distances of that point equal to the other.

26. If P be a fixed point on an ellipse, and QQ' an ordinate to CP, the circle QPQ' will meet the ellipse in a fixed point.

27. P is any point on an ellipse. Draw PP' parallel to the axis major, and through P' draw $P'Q$, $P'Q'$, making equal angles with the major axis. Join QQ'; then QQ' is parallel to the tangent at P.

28. What parallelogram circumscribing an ellipse has the least area?

29. When is the square of the sum of conjugate diameters least?

30. Given the axes of an ellipse, and the position of one focus, and of one point in the curve, give a geometrical construction for finding the centre.

31. If lines drawn through any point of an ellipse to the extremities of any diameter meet the conjugate CD in M and N, then $CM.CN = CD^2$.

32. If CP and CD be conjugate, prove that

$$(SP - AC)^2 + (SD - AC)^2 = SC^2.$$

33. If CP and CD be conjugate, and BP, BD be joined, as also AD, $A'P$, these latter meeting in O, then $BDOP$ is a parallelogram. When is the area greatest?

34. If PSp, QCq be two parallel chords through the focus and centre of an ellipse, prove that

$$SP.Sp : CQ.Cq :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

35. If the tangent at the vertex A cut any two conjugate diameters in T and t, then $AT.At = BC^2$.

36. If the tangents at three points P, Q, R intersect in $R_{,}$, $Q_{,}$, $P_{,}$, prove that

$$PR_{,}.P_{,}Q.Q_{,}R = PQ_{,}.R_{,}Q.P_{,}R.$$

37. If a circle be described touching SP, $S'P$ produced, and the major axis of the ellipse, find the locus of the centre.

38. If from the extremities of the axes of an ellipse any four parallel lines be drawn, the points in which they cut the curve are the extremities of conjugate diameters.

39. If two equal and similar ellipses have a common centre, the points of intersection are at the extremities of diameters at right angles to one another.

40. If PSQ be a focal chord, and X the foot of the directrix, XP and XQ are equally inclined to the axis.

41. OP, OQ are tangents to an ellipse, and PQ is produced to meet the directrices in R, R', prove that

$$RP.R'P : RQ.R'Q :: OP^2 : OQ^2.$$

42. NPQ is a common ordinate to the ellipse and auxiliary circle. PR, QR are normals at P and Q intersecting in R. The locus of R is a circle whose radius is $AC + BC$.

43. If the conjugate to CP meet SP, $S'P$, or these produced in E, E'; then $SE = S'E'$, and the circles circumscribing SCE, $S'CE'$ are equal.

44. The locus of the middle points of all focal chords in an ellipse is a similar ellipse.

45. The circle described about the triangle SBS' will cut the minor axis in the centre of the circle of curvature at B.

46. The locus of the centre of the circle inscribed in the triangle SPS' is an ellipse.

47. If a circle be described intersecting an ellipse in four points, and chords be drawn through the points of intersection, diameters parallel to the chords will be equal.

48. An ellipse slides between two lines at right angles to each other, find the locus of its centre.

49. If from the focus S perpendiculars be drawn upon the conjugate diameters CP, CD, these perpendiculars produced backward will intersect CD and CP in the directrix.

50. Find the point at which the radius of curvature is a mean proportional between the major and minor axes.

51. The circle of curvature at a point, where the conjugate diameters are equal, meets the ellipse again at the extremity of the diameter.

52. The locus of the intersection of lines drawn from A, A' at right angles to AP, $A'P$ is an ellipse.

53. If a quadrilateral figure be inscribable in two ellipses whose major axes are parallel or perpendicular, any two of its opposite angles will be equal to two right angles.

54. If CN, NP are the abscissa and ordinate of a point P on a circle whose centre is C, and NQ be taken equal to NP, and be inclined to it at a constant angle, the locus of Q is an ellipse.

55. If two ellipses having the same major axes can be inscribed in a parallelogram, the foci will be on the corners of an equiangular parallelogram.

56. Two ellipses, whose major axes are equal, have a common focus. Prove that they intersect in two points only.

57. A circle described about the triangle SPS' cuts the minor axis in R on the opposite side to P. Prove that SR varies as the normal PG.

58. If r and R be the radii of the circles inscribed in and about the triangle SPS', prove that $R.r$ varies as $SP.S'P$.

59. The circle described upon PG as diameter cuts SP, $S'P$ in K and L. Prove that KL is bisected by PG, and is perpendicular to it.

60. If from S' a line be drawn parallel to SP, it will meet SY in the circumference of a circle.

61. T and t are the points where the tangent at P meets the axes. CP is produced to meet in L the circle described about the triangle TCt; prove that PL is half the chord of the circle of curvature at P in the direction of C, and that $CP.CL$ is constant.

62. About the triangle PQR an ellipse is described, having its centre at the point where the lines drawn from P, Q, R to the middle points of the opposite sides meet. CP, CQ, CR are produced to meet the ellipse in P', Q', R'. Prove that the tangents at P', Q', R' form a triangle similar to PQR, and four times as large.

63. Lines from Y and Y' perpendicular to the major axis cut the circles on SP, $S'P$ as diameters in I and J. Prove that IS, and JS', when produced, intersect BC in the same point.

64. If from the ends of any diameter chords be drawn to any point in the ellipse, the diameters parallel to these chords will be conjugate.

65. If T be the angle between tangents at the extremities

of a focal chord, and O the angle subtended by the chord at the other focus, then

$$2T + O = 2 \text{ right angles.}$$

66. The acute angles which SP, SQ make with the tangents are complementary. Prove that BC^2 is a mean proportional between the areas of the triangles SPS', SQS'. Also, show that the problem is impossible unless $BC < SS'$.

67. A series of ellipses have their equal conjugate diameters of the same magnitude. One of these diameters is fixed and common, while the other varies. The tangents drawn from any point in the fixed diameter produced will touch the ellipses in points situated on a circle.

68. If on the longer side of a rectangle as major axis an ellipse be described, passing through the intersection of the diagonals, and lines be drawn from any point of the ellipse exterior to the rectangle to the ends of the remote side, they will divide the major axis into segments, which are in geometric progression.

69. From any point P of an ellipse PQ is drawn at right angles to SP meeting the diameter conjugate to CP in Q. Prove that PQ varies inversely as the perpendicular from Q on the major axis.

70. In an ellipse SQ and $S'Q$, drawn at right angles to a pair of conjugate diameters, intersect in Q. Prove that the locus of Q is a concentric ellipse.

CHAPTER III.

THE HYPERBOLA.

45. Def. The *Hyperbola* is the curve traced out by a point which moves in such a manner that its distance from a given fixed point continually bears the same ratio, *greater than unity*, to its distance from a given fixed line. (*See Introduction.*)

Prop. I.

The focus and directrix of a hyperbola being given, to find any number of points on the curve.

Let S be the focus, and MX the directrix.

Draw SX at right angles to the directrix, and divide SX in the point A, so that SA may be to AX in the given fixed ratio, greater than unity; then

A is a point on the curve.

On SX produced take a point A', such that

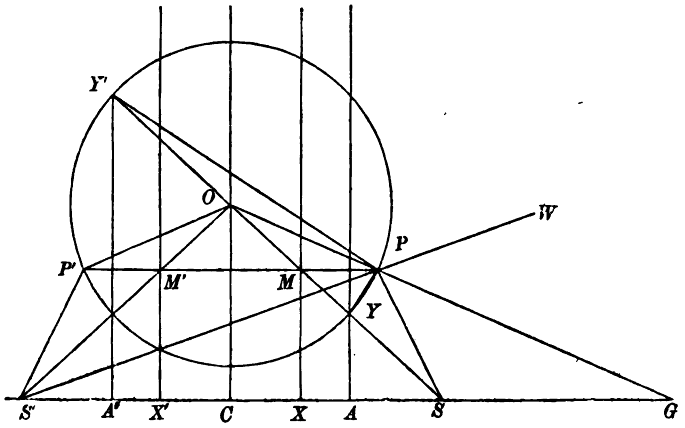
$$SA' : A'X :: SA : AX;$$

then A' will also be a point on the curve.

On the directrix take *any* point M; and through S and M draw the line $SYMY'$, meeting AY and $A'Y'$, drawn at right angles to AA', in the points Y and Y'.

On YY' as diameter describe a circle, and draw PMP' parallel to AA', cutting the circle in the points P and P';

P and P' will be points on the hyperbola.



Join PY, PY'; SP, $S'P$; then since

$$SY : YM :: SA : AX, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. 2.})$$

$$\text{and } SY' : Y'M :: SA' : A'X, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. 2.})$$

$$\text{and that } SA : AX :: SA' : A'X,$$

$$\therefore SY : YM :: SY' : Y'M;$$

and the angle YPY' in a semicircle is a right angle,

$\therefore$ by the converse of *Euclid*, VI. *Props.* 3 and A,

PY bisects the angle SPM,

$$\therefore SP : PM :: SY : YM,$$
$$:: SA : AX.$$

So we may show that

$$SP' : P'M :: SY' : Y'M,$$
$$:: SA : AX,$$

$\therefore$ P and P' are points on the curve.

In the same way, by taking other points on the directrix, we may obtain as many more points on the curve as we please.

COR. 1. Since, corresponding to every point P on the curve, there is a point P' situated in precisely the same manner with respect to $A'Y'$ as P is with respect to AY, it is clear that if we make $A'S'$ equal to AS, and $A'X'$ equal to AX, and draw $X'M'$ at right angles to AX', the curve could be equally well described with S' as focus and $M'X'$ as directrix.

The hyperbola is therefore symmetrical, not only with respect to the line AA', but also with respect to the line OC drawn through the middle point of YY' at right angles to and bisecting AA'.

COR. 2. The line OP produced will bisect the angle SPW between SP and $S'P$ produced.

Produce OP and $S'S$ to meet in G. Produce PM to meet $X'M'$ in M', and draw OS' passing through the point M'; then

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{since } SP : PM &:: SA : AX,\\
\text{and } S'P : PM' &:: S'A' : A'X',\\
&:: SA : AX,\\
\therefore\ SP : PM &:: S'P : PM'.\\
\text{Alternately, } SP : S'P &:: PM : PM'. \quad (1.)\\
\text{Again, } SG : PM &:: OG : OP,\\
\text{and } S'G : PM' &:: OG : OP,\\
\therefore\ SG : PM &:: S'G : PM'.\\
\text{Alternately, } SG : S'G &:: PM : PM'. \quad (2.)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{ from (1) and (2)}$$

$$SP : S'P :: SG : S'G.$$

$\therefore$ PG bisects the angle SPW. (*Euclid*, VI. A.)

It will be shown hereafter (*Prop.* IX.) that the normal to the hyperbola at the point P also bisects the angle SPW. Hence the hyperbola and circle have the same tangent at the point P. The hyperbola will consequently touch all the infinite series of circles which can be described in the same manner as the one in the figure, by taking different points on the directrix.

PROP. II.

46. If C be the middle point of AA'; then CA is a mean proportional between CS and CX,

or $CS\,.\,CX = CA^2$. (*See fig. Prop.* III.)

Since $SA' : A'X :: SA : AX$.

Alternately, $SA' : SA :: A'X : AX$,

$\therefore\ SA' - SA : SA :: A'X - AX : AX$,

or $AA' : SA :: XX' : AX$,

$\therefore\ AA' : XX' :: SA : AX$,

or $CA : CX :: SA : AX$. (1.)*

Again, $SA' : SA :: A'X : AX$,

$\therefore\ SA' + SA : SA :: A'X + AX : AX$,

or $SS' : SA :: AA' : AX$.

Alternately, $SS' : AA' :: SA : AX$,

or $CS : CA :: SA : AX$. (2.)

Hence, from (1) and (2)

$$CA : CX :: CS : CA,$$

$$\therefore\ CA^2 = CX\,.\,CS,$$

or CA is a mean proportional between CS and CX.

COR. Since the three lines CS, CA, CX, are proportional, therefore, by the definition of duplicate ratio, and *Euclid*, VI. 20 *Cor.*

$$CS : CX :: CS^2 : CA^2. \quad (3.)$$

PROP. III.

47. If P be any point on the hyperbola, and S be the focus nearer to P; then

$$S'P - SP = AA'.$$

Since $SP : PM :: SA : AX$,

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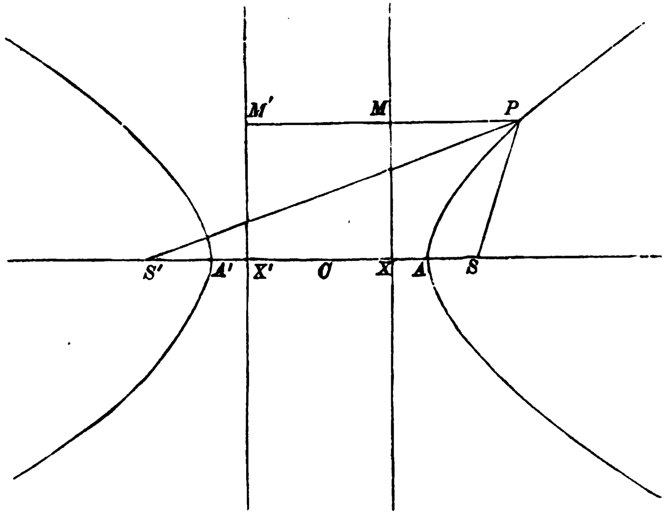
* N.B. The results (1), (2), and (3), should be remembered, as they will be frequently referred to.



$$\text{and } SA : AX :: AA' : XX', \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{II.})$$

$$\therefore\ SP : PM :: AA' : XX'.$$

$$\text{So } S'P : PM' :: AA' : XX',$$

$$\therefore\ S'P \sim SP : PM' - PM :: AA' : XX'.$$

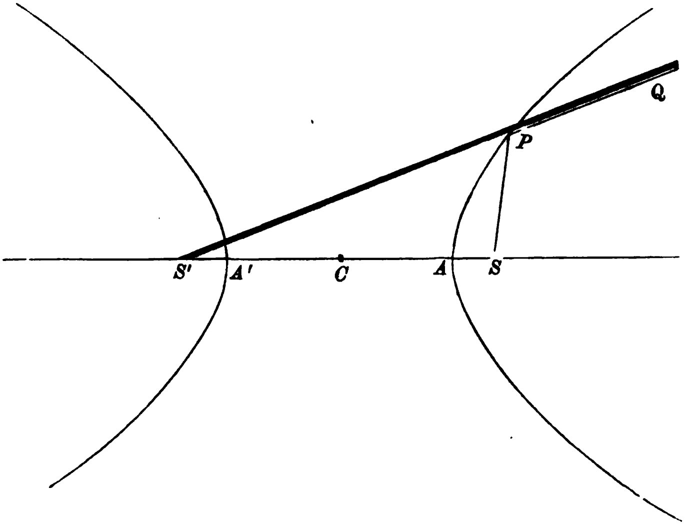
$$\text{But } PM' - PM = MM' = XX',$$

$$\therefore\ S'P - SP = AA'.$$

Cor. By means of this property the hyperbola may be practically described, and the form of the curve determined.

Let a rigid bar $S'Q$ of any length have one end fastened at the focus S', in such a manner that it is capable of turning freely round S' as a centre in the plane of the paper.

At the other end of the bar let a string be fastened of such a length that when stretched along the bar it shall just reach to within a distance equal to AA' from the end S' of the bar.



If the loose end of the string be now fastened to the focus S, and the rod being initially placed in the position $S'S$, be made to revolve round S', while the string is kept constantly stretched by means of the point of a pencil at P, in contact with the bar; since $S'P$ and SP are always increasing by the same amount, viz. the length of the portion of the string that removes itself from the bar, between any two positions of P, the difference between $S'P$ and SP will be constantly the same, and the point P will trace out the hyperbola.

Another perfectly similar branch may be described in the same manner by making the bar revolve round S as centre.

In this case $SP - S'P$ will be equal to AA'.

The curve, therefore, consists of two similar branches, which recede indefinitely both from the line AA', and also from the line BCB' drawn bisecting AA' at right angles. (*See fig. Prop.* IV.)

48. If BC be taken of such a length that

$$BC^2 = CS^2 - CA^2,$$

and CB' be made equal to CB, then AA' and BB' are called respectively the *Transverse* and *Conjugate Axes*.

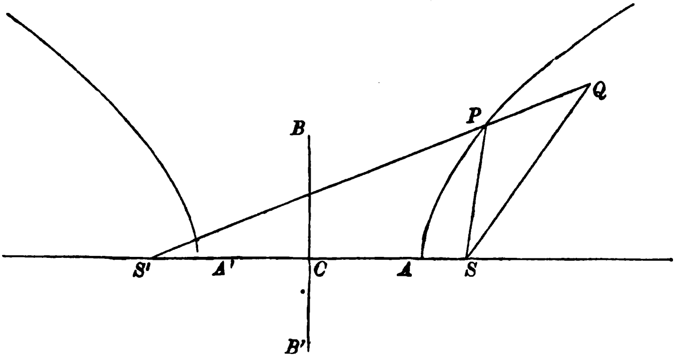
The line BCB' does not meet the hyperbola, and the reason of its being introduced will be seen further on.

If the conjugate and transverse axes are equal, the hyperbola is said to be *rectangular* or *equilateral*.

The property of the hyperbola, which we have just investigated, viz. that the difference between SP and $S'P$ is constant, is sometimes taken as the definition of the curve. (*See Chapter* II. *Art.* 25.)

PROP. IV.

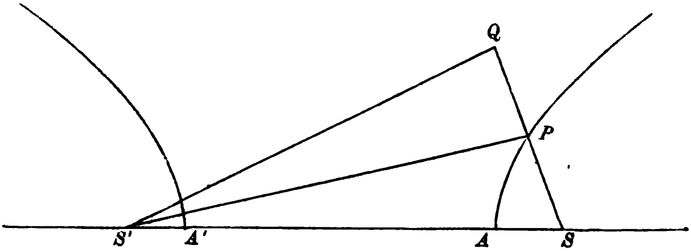
49. The difference of the distances of any point from the foci of a hyperbola will be greater or less than AA', according as the point is on the concave or convex side of the curve.



(1.) Let Q be a point on the concave side of the hyperbola.

Join SQ, $S'Q$, and let $S'Q$ meet the curve in P; join SP; then

$$\begin{aligned} \text{since } S'Q &= S'P + PQ, \\ \text{and } SQ &< SP + PQ, \\ \therefore S'Q - SQ &> S'P - SP, \\ \text{but } S'P - SP &= AA', \\ \therefore S'Q - SQ &> AA'. \end{aligned}$$



(2.) Let Q be a point on the convex side of the curve, nearer to S than S'; join SQ, $S'Q$, and let SQ meet the curve in P; join $S'P$; then

$$S'Q < S'P + PQ,$$
$$\text{and } SQ = SP + PQ,$$
$$\therefore\ S'Q - SQ < S'P - SP,$$
$$\text{but } S'P - SP = AA',$$
$$\therefore\ S'Q - SQ < AA',$$

so if Q be nearer to S' than S, we can show that

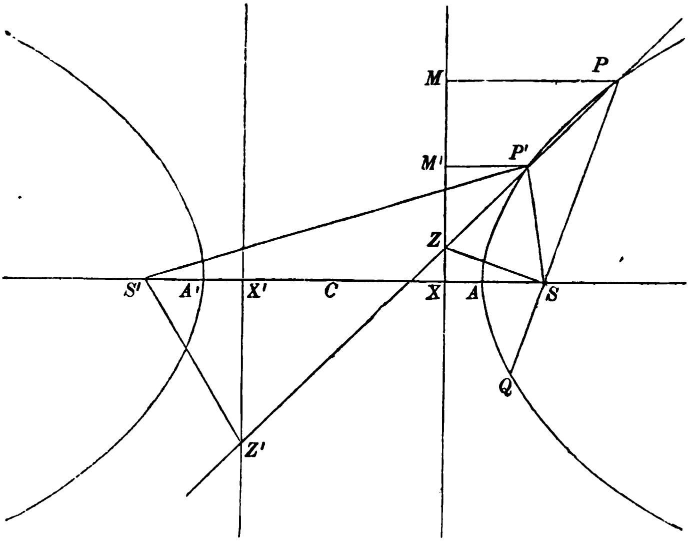
$$SQ - S'Q < AA';$$

COR. Conversely a point will be on the concave or convex side of the hyperbola, according as the difference of its distances from the foci is greater or less than AA'.

50. DEF. If a point P' be taken on the hyperbola near to P, (*see fig. Prop.* V.) and PP' be joined, the line PP' produced, in the limiting position which it assumes when P' is made to approach indefinitely near to P, is called the *Tangent* to the hyperbola at the point P.

PROP. V.

If the tangent to the hyperbola at any point P meet the directrix in the point Z, and if S be the focus corresponding to the directrix on which Z is situated, then SZ will be at right angles to SP.



Let P' be a point on the curve near to P.

Draw the chord PP', and produce it to meet the directrix in Z; join SZ.

Draw PM, $P'M'$ at right angles to the directrix, and join SP, SP'.

Produce PS to meet the hyperbola in Q; then since the triangles ZMP, $ZM'P'$ are similar,

$$\therefore\ ZP : ZP' :: MP : M'P',$$
$$:: SP : SP'.$$

$\therefore$ SZ bisects the angle $P'SQ$, (*Euclid*, VI. A.)

Now, when P' is indefinitely near to P, and PP' becomes the tangent at the point P, the angle PSP' becomes indefinitely small, while the angle QSP' approaches two right angles; and therefore the angle ZSP', being half of the angle $P'SQ$, becomes ultimately a right angle.

Hence, when PZ becomes the tangent at the point P, the angle ZSP is a right angle,

or SZ is perpendicular to SP.

COR. 1. Conversely, if SZ be drawn at right angles to SP, meeting the directrix in Z, and PZ be joined, PZ will be the tangent at P.

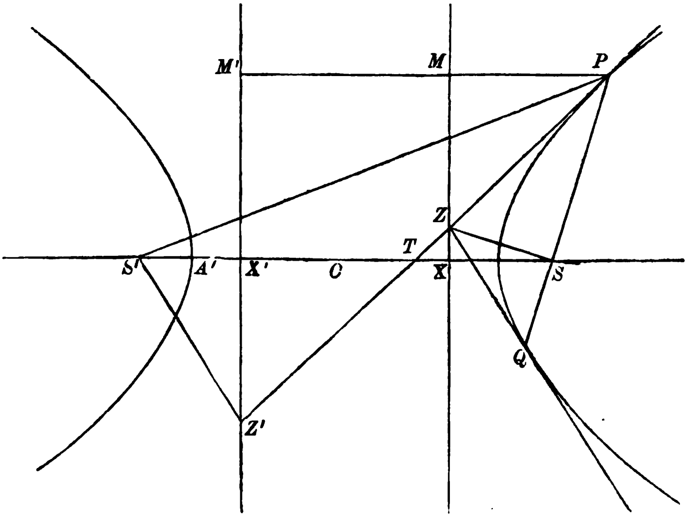
COR. 2. If PZ be produced to meet the other directrix in Z', and $S'Z'$ be joined; then

$S'Z'$ is at right angles to $S'P$.

COR. 3. The tangents at the extremities of the latus rectum, or double ordinate through the focus, meet the axis in the point X.

PROP. VI.

The tangent to the hyperbola at any point P makes equal angles with the focal distances SP and $S'P$.



Let the tangent at P meet the directrices in Z and Z'.

Draw PMM' at right angles to the directrices meeting them in M and M' respectively; join SZ, $S'Z'$; then

$$SP : PM :: S'P : PM'.$$

And since the triangles ZMP, $Z'M'P$ are similar,

$$PM : PZ :: PM' : PZ',$$

$$\therefore\ SP : PZ :: S'P : PZ',\ (\textit{Ex æquali.})$$

Now in the triangles SPZ, $S'PZ'$ because the sides about the angles SPZ, $S'PZ'$ are proportional, and the angles PSZ, $PS'Z'$ are equal, being right angles, and the angles SZP; $S'Z'P$ are each less than a right angle,

$\therefore$ the triangles SPZ, $S'PZ'$ are similar, (*Euclid*, VI. 7,)

$\therefore$ the angle $SPZ = S'PZ'$.

Prop. VII.

The tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect in the directrix.

Let PSQ be a focal chord, and let the tangent at P meet the directrix in Z. Join SZ; then

the angle ZSP is a right angle, (*Prop.* V.)

And $\therefore$ also the angle ZSQ is a right angle,

$\therefore$ ZQ is the tangent at Q, (*Prop.* V. *Cor.* 1.)

Or the tangents at the extremities of a focal chord intersect in the directrix.

Prop. VIII.

51. If the tangent at P meet the transverse axis in T, and PN be the ordinate of the point P; then

$$CT \cdot CN = CA^2.$$

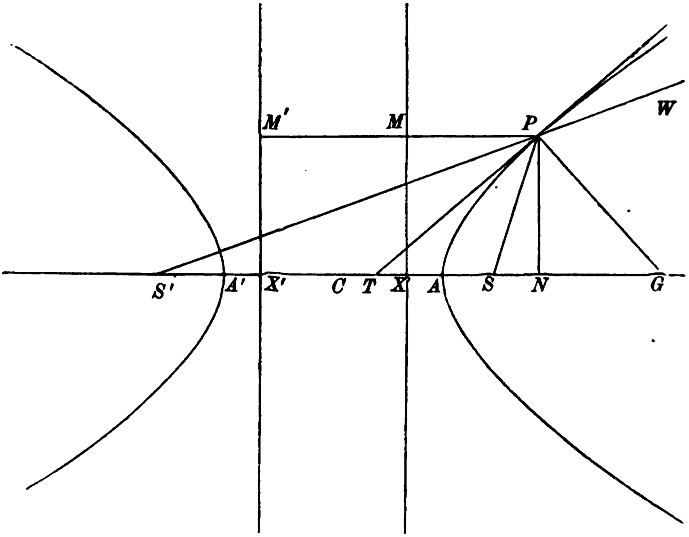
Draw PMM' at right angles to the directrices meeting them in M and M'. Join SP, $S'P$; then

since PT bisects the angle SPS', (*Prop.* VI.)

$$\therefore\ S'T : ST :: S'P : SP,\ (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. 3.})$$

$$:: PM' : PM,$$

$$:: X'N : XN.$$



$$\therefore\ S'T - ST : S'T + ST :: X'N - XN : X'N + XN,$$
$$\text{or } 2CT : 2CS :: 2CX : 2CN,$$
$$\text{or } CT : CS :: CX : CN,$$
$$\therefore\ CT.CN = CS.CX,$$
$$= CA^2, \text{ (}Prop.\text{ II.)}$$

52. Def. The line PG, drawn at right angles to the tangent PT, is called the *Normal* to the hyperbola at the point P.

Prop. IX.

If the normal to the hyperbola at the point P meet the transverse axis in the point G, and PN be the ordinate of the point P, then

$$NG : NC :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

Draw PMM' at right angles to the directrices, meeting them in M and M', and produce $S'P$ to W; then since

the angle TPG is a right angle,

$\therefore$ the angle WPG = the complement of the angle $S'PT$,

and the angle SPG = the complement of the angle SPT;

but the angle $S'PT =$ the angle SPT,

$\therefore$ the angle $WPG =$ the angle SPG,

$\therefore$ PG bisects the angle SPW,

$\therefore\ S'G : SG :: S'P : SP$, (*Euclid*, VI. A.)

$:: PM' : PM$,

$:: X'N : XN$,

$\therefore\ S'G + SG : S'G - SG :: X'N + XN : X'N - XN$;

or $2CG : SS' :: 2CN : XX'$.

Alternately, $2CG : 2CN :: SS' : XX$;

or $CG : CN :: CS : CX$,

$:: CS^2 : CA^2$. (*Prop.* II. *Cor.*)

$\therefore\ CG - CN : CN :: CS^2 - CA^2 : CA^2$;

or $NG : CN :: BC^2 : AC^2$.

Prop. X.

If PN be the ordinate of any point P on the hyperbola then

$$PN^2 : AN . A'N :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

For $NG : NC :: BC^2 : AC^2$.

And rectangles of the same altitude are to one another as their bases, (*Euclid*, VI. 1.)

$\therefore\ TN . NG : TN . NC :: BC^2 : AC^2$,

or $PN^2 : TN . NC :: BC^2 : AC^2$.

But $TN . CN = CN^2 - CT . CN$, (*Euclid*, II. 2.)

$= CN^2 - CA^2$, (*Prop.* VIII.)

$= AN . A'N$, (*Euclid*, II. 6.)

$\therefore\ PN^2 : AN . A'N :: BC^2 : AC^2$.

Prop. XI.

If the normal at any point P of an hyperbola meet the transverse axis in G; then

$$SG : SP :: CS : CA.$$

Produce $S'P$ to W; then

since PG bisects the angle SPW, (*Prop.* IX.)

$$SG : S'G :: SP : S'P,$$

$$\therefore SG : S'G - SG :: SP : S'P - SP,$$

but $S'P - SP = AA'$, (*Prop.* III.)

and $S'G - SG = SS'$,

$$\therefore SG : SS' :: SP : AA',$$

or $SG : SP :: SS' : AA'$,

or $SG : SP :: CS : CA$.

Cor. Hence also,

$$S'G : S'P :: CS : CA.$$

Prop. XII.

53. If from the foci S and S' of a hyperbola SY and $S'Y'$ are drawn at right angles to the tangent at P, then Y and Y' are on the circumference of the circle described on AA' as diameter, and

$$SY . S'Y' = BC^2.$$

Join SP, $S'P$, and produce SY to meet $S'P$ in W; join CY; then

since the angle $SPY =$ the angle WPY, (*Prop.* VI)

and the angle $SYP =$ the angle WYP,

and the side PY is common to the triangles SPY, WPY,

$\therefore$ the triangle $SPY = WPY$ in all respects,

$$\therefore SP = PW, \text{ and } SY = WY,$$

$$\therefore S'P - SP = S'W,$$

but $S'P - SP = AA'$, (*Prop.* III.)

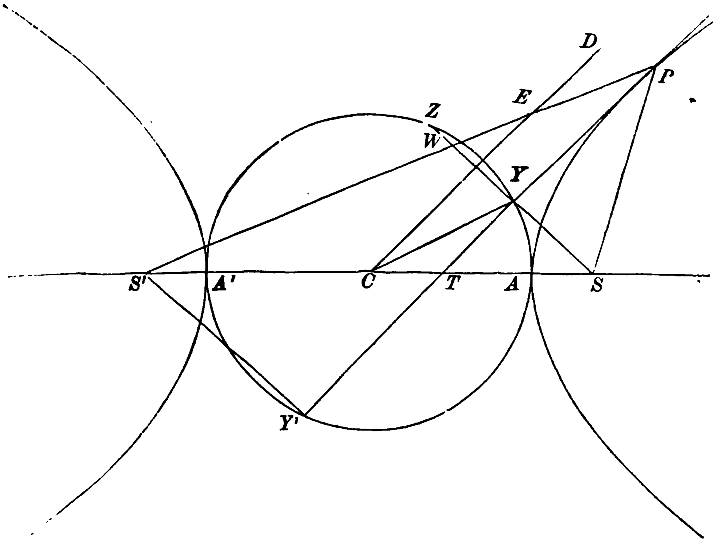
$$\therefore S'W = AA'.$$

Again, $\because SC = CS'$, and $SY = WY$,

$$\therefore SC : CS' :: SY : YW,$$

$\therefore CY$ is parallel to $S'W$,

$$\therefore CY : S'W :: CS : SS',$$



$$\therefore\ CY = \tfrac{1}{2}\, S'W = CA;$$
$$\text{so } CY' = CA.$$

$\therefore$ Y and Y' are points on the circumference of the circle described upon AA' as diameter.

Next, let SY be produced to meet this circle in Z, and join ZY'; then

since the angle ZYY' is a right angle

$\therefore$ ZY' passes through the centre C,

$\therefore$ the angle $SCZ =$ the angle $S'CY'$,

$$\therefore\ SZ = S'Y',$$

$$\therefore\ SY.S'Y' = SY.SZ,$$
$$= SA.SA', \text{ (\textit{Euclid}, III. 36 \textit{Cor.})}$$
$$= CS^2 - CA^2, \text{ (\textit{Euclid}, II. 6.)}$$
$$= BC^2.$$

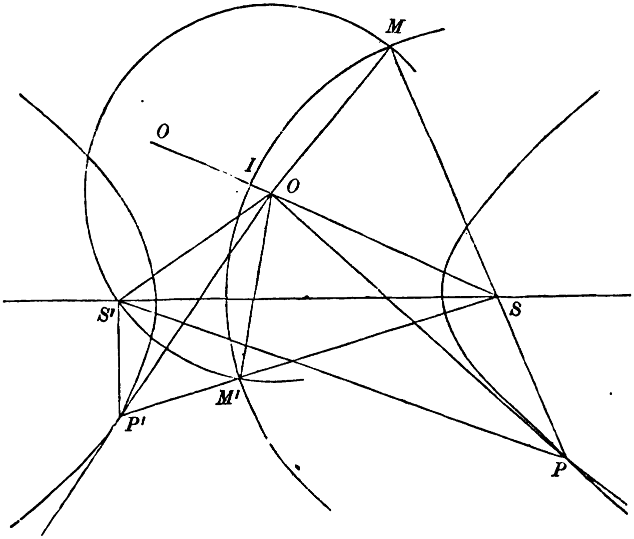
Cor. If CD be drawn parallel to the tangent at P meeting $S'P$ in E; then

since $CEPY$ is a parallelogram,

$$\therefore\ PE = CY = AC.$$

Prop. XIII.

54. To draw a pair of tangents to a hyperbola from an external point O.



Of the foci S and S', let S' be that which is nearer to O.

With centre S and radius equal to AA' describe a circle.

Join OS, OS'; and let SO or SO produced meet the circle in the point I.

Now if O be a point inside the circle MIM', it is evident that OS' is greater than OI; and if O be outside the circle,

$$\text{since } OS - OS' < AA' \text{ or } SI, \quad (\textit{Prop. IV.})$$

$$\therefore\ OS - OS' < OS - OI,$$

$$\therefore\ OS' > OI.$$

With centre O and radius OS' describe another circle cutting the former in the points M and M', which it will always do since OS' is greater than OI.

Join SM, SM', and produce them to meet the hyperbola in the points P and P'.

Join OP, OP'; these will be the tangents required.

Join $S'P$, $S'P'$; then

since $S'P - SP = AA' = SM$,

$\therefore$ $S'P = PM$.

And $\because$ $S'P$, $PO = MP$, PO, each to each,

and $OS' = OM$,

$\therefore$ the angle OPS' = the angle OPM,

$\therefore$ OP is the tangent at P. (*Prop.* VI.)

So OP' is the tangent at P'.

The points of contact P and P' will be upon the same or opposite branches of the hyperbola according as SM and SM' require to be produced in the same or in opposite directions with respect to S, in order to intersect the hyperbola.

PROP. XIV.

If from a point O a pair of tangents OP, OP' be drawn to a hyperbola, then the angles which OP and OP' subtend at either focus will be equal or supplementary according as the points of contact are in the same or opposite branches of the hyperbola.

Let the points P and P' be on opposite branches of the hyperbola.

Join SP, $S'P$; SP', $S'P'$.

Produce PS to M, making PM equal to PS'. Also from $P'S$ cut off a part $P'M'$ equal to $P'S'$.

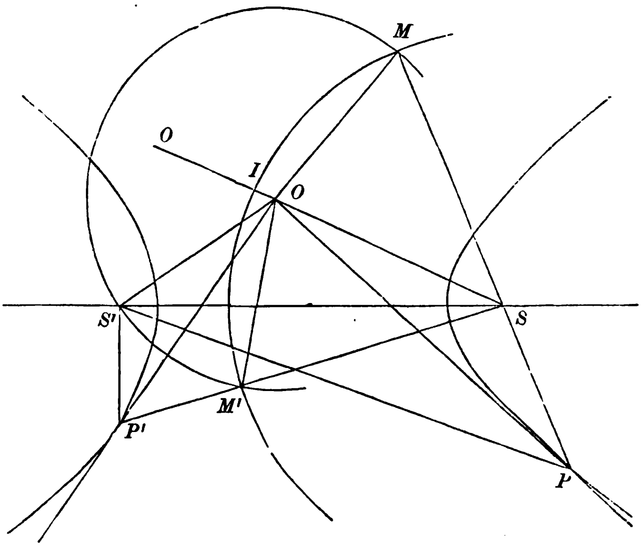
Join OM, OM'; OS, OS'.

Then since OP, $PS' = OP$, PM, each to each,

and the angle OPS' = the angle OPM, (*Prop.* VI.)

$\therefore$ $OS' = OM$,

and the angle $OS'P$ = the angle OMP.



So $OS' = OM'$.
and the angle $OS'P'$ = the angle $OM'P'$,
$\therefore$ $OM = OM'$.
Again, $\because$ $SM = S'P - SP = AA'$,
and $SM' = SP' - S'P' = AA'$,
$\therefore$ $SM = SM'$.
And $\because$ OS, SM = OS, SM', each to each,
and $OM = OM'$,
$\therefore$ the angle OSM = the angle OSM',
and the angle OMS = the angle $OM'S$.
But OSM is the supplement of OSP,
and $OM'S$ the supplement of $OM'P'$,
$\therefore$ OSM' is the supplement of OSP,
and OMP the supplement of $OM'P'$.
But $OMP = OS'P$,
and $OM'P' = OS'P'$,
$\therefore$ $OS'P$ is the supplement of $OS'P'$.

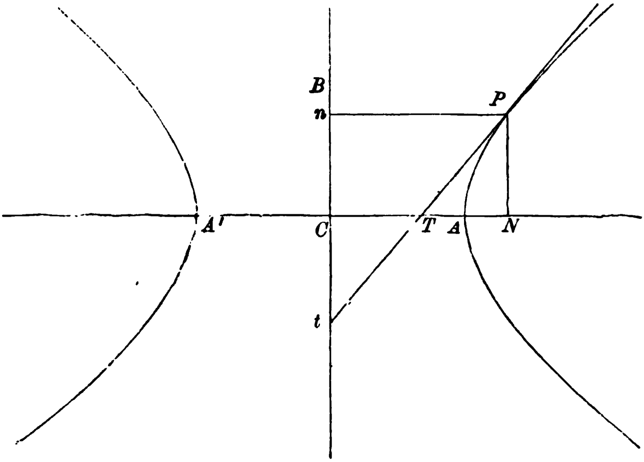
Hence the angles which OP and OP' subtend either at S or S' are supplementary.

In a similar manner if P and P' are on the same branch of the hyperbola, the angles subtended either at S or S' may be shown to be equal.

Prop. XV.

55. If the tangent at any point P of an hyperbola meet the conjugate axis in the point t, and Pn be drawn at right angles to CB; then

$$Cn \, . \, Ct = BC^2.$$



Draw PN at right angles to CA; then

$$Ct : CT :: PN : NT,$$

$$\therefore \; Ct : PN :: CT : NT,$$

$$\therefore \; Ct \, . \, Cn : PN^2 :: CT \, . \, CN : CN \, . \, NT;$$

$$\text{or } Ct \, . \, Cn : CT \, . \, CN :: PN^2 : CN \, . \, NT,$$

$$:: BC^2 : AC^2. \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{X.})$$

$$\text{But } CT \, . \, CN = AC^2,$$

$$\therefore \; Ct \, . \, Cn = BC^2.$$

56. The proofs that we have given up to this point of the properties of the hyperbola are closely analogous to the corresponding propositions in the ellipse. The remaining properties of the hyperbola are more conveniently investigated by means of its relation to certain lines, which we shall presently define, called *Asymptotes*, in the same manner as many of the properties of the ellipse were deduced from those of the auxiliary circle.

Def. The hyperbola described (*see fig. Prop.* XVI.) with C as centre, and BB' as transverse axis, and AA' as conjugate axis, is called the *Conjugate Hyperbola.* Its foci, which will be on the line BCB', will evidently be at the same distance from C as those of the original hyperbola, since

$$CS^2 = CA^2 + CB^2.$$

Prop. XVI.

If through any point R on either of the diagonals of the rectangle formed by drawing tangents to the hyperbola and its conjugate at the vertices A, A', B, B', two ordinates RPN, RDM, be drawn at right angles to AA' and BB', and meeting either the hyperbola or its conjugate in the points P and D; then

$$RN^2 \backsim PN^2 = BC^2,$$

$$\text{and } RM^2 \backsim DM^2 = AC^2.$$

Let R be a point on the diagonal $O'CO$; then

$$RN^2 : CN^2 :: AO^2 : AC^2,$$

$$:: BC^2 : AC^2;$$

$$\text{and } PN^2 : CN^2 - CA^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2; \ (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{X.})$$

$$\therefore RN^2 - PN^2 : CA^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2.$$

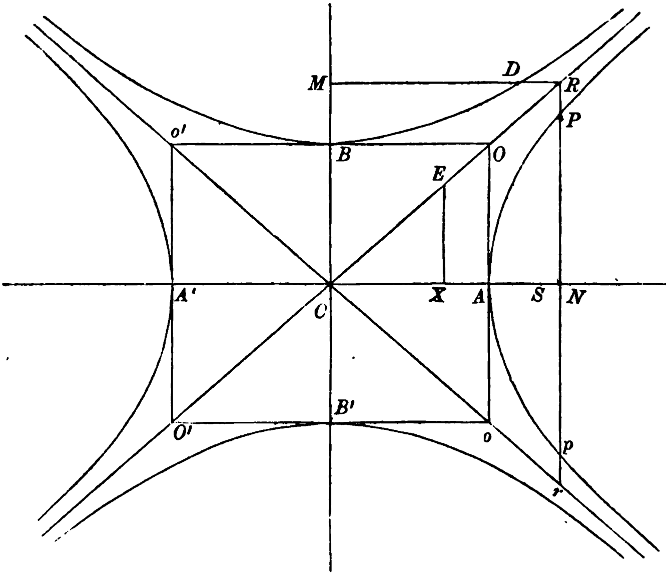
$$\therefore RN^2 - PN^2 = BC^2.$$

$$\text{Again } RM^2 : CM^2 :: AC^2 : BC^2,$$

$$\text{and } DM^2 : CM^2 - CB^2 :: AC^2 : BC^2; \ (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{X.})$$

$$\therefore RM^2 - DM^2 : BC^2 :: AC^2 : BC^2;$$

$$\therefore RM^2 - DM^2 = AC^2.$$



In exactly the same manner, if *NR* had been produced to meet the conjugate hyperbola in *P*, and *MR* had been produced to meet the original hyperbola in *D*, we should have had,

$$PN^2 - RN^2 = BC^2,$$

$$\text{and } DM^2 - RM^2 = AC^2.$$

Cor. If *RP* be produced to meet the hyperbola in *p*, and the other asymptote in *r*; then

$$RN^2 - PN^2 = RP.Pr; \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{II. } 5,)$$

$$\therefore RP.Pr = BC^2.$$

Hence as *RPN* is further removed from *A*, and the line *Pr* consequently increases, since the rectangle contained by *RP* and *Pr* remains constant, *RP* must diminish, and by taking *R* sufficiently far from *C*, *RP* may be made less than any assignable magnitude. The line *CR*, therefore, continually approaches nearer and nearer to the hyperbola, though it never actually reaches it.

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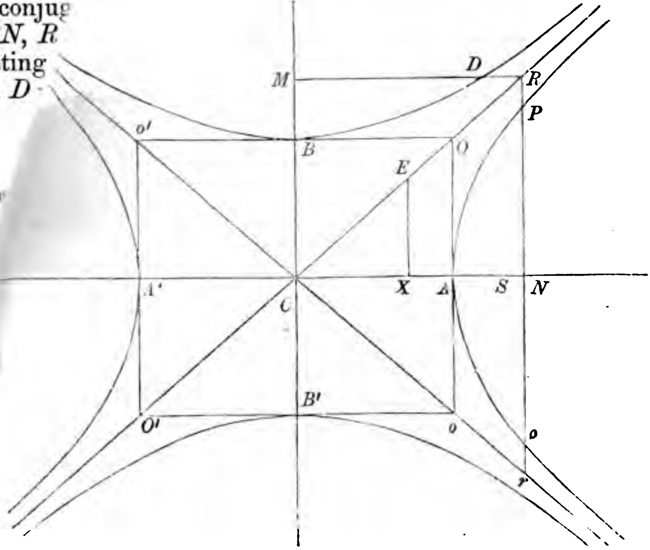

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For by similar triangles

$$CE : CO :: CX : CA,$$
$$:: CA : CS, \text{ (}Prop.\text{ II.)}$$

$$\text{But } CO^2 = CA^2 + CB^2 = CS^2;$$
$$\therefore CO = CS;$$
$$\therefore CE = AC.$$

Cor. If SE be joined, since

$$CE^2 = CA^2 = CS \,.\, CX;$$

$\therefore$ the angle CES is a right angle. (*Euclid*, VI. 8, *Cor.*)

Prop. XVIII.

If from any point R in one of the asymptotes to an hyperbola ordinates RPN, RDM be drawn to the hyperbola and its conjugate respectively, and PD be joined, PD will be parallel to the other asymptote.

$$\text{For } RN^2 : RM^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2;$$
$$\text{and } RN^2 - PN^2 : RM^2 - DM^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2, \text{ (}Prop.\text{ XVI.)}$$
$$\therefore PN^2 : DM^2 :: BC^2 : AC^2;$$
$$:: RN^2 : RM^2,$$
$$\therefore PN : DM :: RN : RM;$$

$\therefore$ PD is parallel to MN. (*Euclid*, VI. 2.)

Also $CN : CM :: AC : BC$,

$\therefore$ MN is parallel to AB;

and $OA : Ao :: OB : Bo'$,

$\therefore$ AB is parallel to oo'.

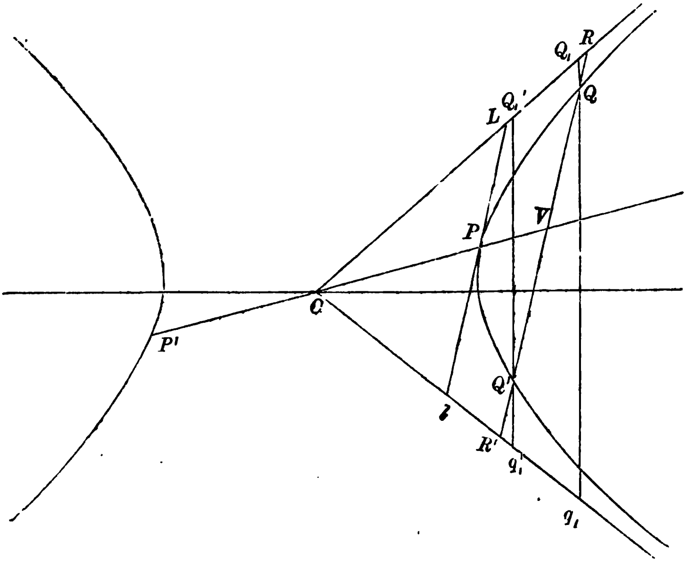
Hence PD is parallel to oo'.

Cor. So also if P and D be the points where NR and MR produced meet respectively the conjugate and the original hyperbola, PD will be still parallel to oo'.

PROP. XIX.

58. If through any two points Q and Q' of a hyperbola a line $RQQ'R'$ be drawn in any direction meeting the asymptotes in R and R'; then will

$$RQ = R'Q'.$$



Through Q and Q' draw $Q_{,}Qq_{,}$, $Q'_{,}Q'q'_{,}$, meeting the asymptotes in $Q_{,}$, $q_{,}$, $Q'_{,}$, $q'_{,}$, then by similar triangles,

$$QR : QQ_{,} :: Q'R : Q'Q'_{,},$$

$$\text{and } QR' : Qq_{,} :: Q'R' : Q'q'_{,};$$

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$$QR . QR' : QQ_{,} . Qq_{,} :: Q'R . Q'R' : Q'Q'_{,} . Q'q'_{,}.$$

But $QQ_{,} . Qq_{,} = BC^2 = Q'Q'_{,} . Q'q'_{,}$, (*Prop.* XVI. *Cor.*)

$$\therefore QR . QR' = Q'R . Q'R';$$

$$\text{but } QR \,.\, QR' = QR \,.\, QQ' + QR \,.\, Q'R',$$
$$\text{and } Q'R \,.\, Q'R' = Q'R' \,.\, QQ' + QR \,.\, Q'R';$$
$$\therefore\ QR \,.\, QQ' = Q'R' \,.\, QQ',$$
$$\therefore\ QR = Q'R'.$$

Cor. 1. If $RQQ'R'$ move parallel to itself until the points Q and Q' coincide, the line RQR' will ultimately assume the position LPl, and will become a tangent to the hyperbola at P.

Hence, since RQ is always equal to $R'Q'$,

$$LP = Pl,$$

or the tangent LPl is bisected at the point of contact P.

Cor. 2. If CP be produced to meet RR' in V, then since

$$RV : VR' :: LP : Pl,$$
$$\therefore\ RV = VR';$$
$$\text{and } RQ = Q'R',$$
$$\therefore\ QV = Q'V.$$

Hence if a series of parallel chords be drawn in a hyperbola, their middle points will all be in the line drawn through the centre and the point where the tangent parallel to the chords meets the hyperbola.

Def. A line PCP' drawn through the centre, and meeting the hyperbola in P and P' is called a *Diameter*.

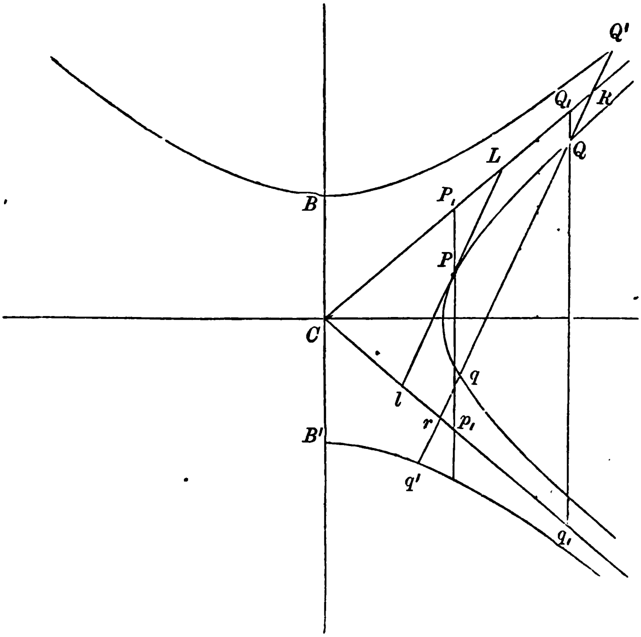
A diameter consequently bisects all chords drawn parallel to the tangents at its extremities.

Prop. XX.

59. If through any point Q of a hyperbola a line RQr be drawn in any direction meeting the asymptotes in R and r, and LPl be the tangent drawn parallel to RQr; then

$$RQ \,.\, Qr = PL^2.$$

Through P and Q draw the ordinates $P_{,}Pp_{,}$, $Q_{,}Qq_{,}$, meeting the asymptote in $P_{,}$, $p_{,}$, $Q_{,}$, $q_{,}$; then by similar triangles



$$QR : QQ_{,} :: PL : PP_{,},$$

$$Qr : Qq_{,} :: Pl : Pp_{,},$$

$$\therefore\ QR . Qr : QQ_{,} . Qq_{,} :: PL . Pl : PP_{,} . Pp_{,};$$

but $QQ_{,} . Qq_{,} = BC^2 = PP_{,} . Pp_{,}$, (*Prop.* XVI. *Cor.*)

$$\therefore\ QR . Qr = PL . Pl,$$

$$= PL^2.$$ (*Prop.* XIX. *Cor.* 1.)

COR. If Qq be produced to meet the conjugate hyperbola in Q', q', we may show that

$$Q'R . Q'r = PL^2,$$

and also, as in Proposition XIX., that

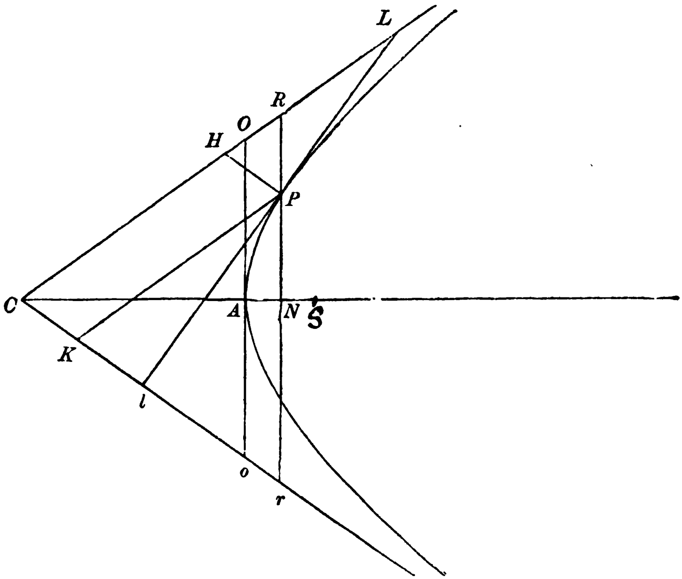
$$Q'R = q'r,$$

$$\therefore\ QQ' = qq'.$$

Hence, if a line be drawn in any direction meeting both the hyperbolas, the portions intercepted between the hyperbola and its conjugate will be equal.

PROP. XXI.

60. If from any point P of a hyperbola, PH and PK be drawn parallel to the asymptotes, meeting them in H and K respectively; then $4 . PH . PK = CS^2$.



Draw the ordinate $RPNr$ meeting the asymptotes in R and r; then by similar triangles,

$$\begin{aligned} PH : PR &:: Co : Oo, \\ \text{and } PK : Pr &:: CO : Oo, \\ \therefore PH.PK : PR.Pr &:: CO^2 : Oo^2, \\ &:: CS^2 : 4BC^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } PR . Pr = BC^2,$$

$$\therefore 4.PH.PK = CS^2.$$

PROP. XXII.

If the tangent at any point P of a hyperbola meet the asymptotes in L and l; then the area of the triangle LCl is equal to the rectangle contained by AC and BC.

Draw PH and PK parallel to the asymptotes meeting them in H and K; then

$$\text{since } CL : CH :: Ll : Pl,$$

$$\text{and } Ll = 2\,Pl, \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{XIX. } \textit{Cor. } 1.)$$

$$\therefore CL = 2\,CH = 2\,PK;$$

$$\text{so } Cl = 2\,CK = 2\,PH,$$

$$\therefore CL \,.\, Cl = 4\,PH \,.\, PK = CS^2, \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{XXI.})$$

$$= CO \,.\, Co,$$

$$\therefore CL : CO :: Co : Cl,$$

$\therefore$ the triangles LCl, OCo have the angle at C common and the sides about those angles reciprocally proportional;

$$\therefore \text{the triangle } LCl = \text{the triangle } OCo,$$

$$= AC \,.\, AO,$$

$$= AC \,.\, BC.$$

PROP. XXIII.

61. If from any point R in the asymptote of a hyperbola, two ordinates RPN and RDM be drawn to the hyperbola and its conjugate respectively, then the tangents at P and D will be parallel respectively to CD and CP.

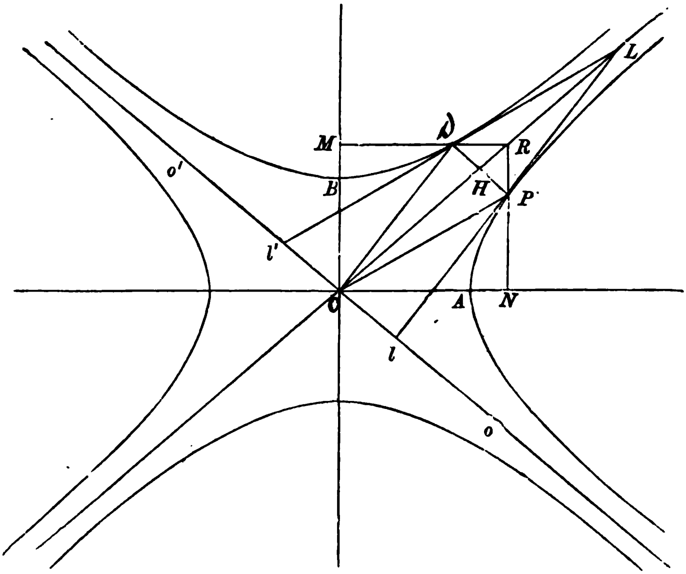
Join PD, meeting CR in H; then

$$\text{since } PD \text{ is parallel to } oo', \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{XVIII.})$$

the tangents at P and D will each meet CR produced in the same point L. (*Prop.* XXII.)

Produce LP and LD to meet the other asymptotes in l and l'; then

$$\text{since } CL \,.\, Cl = CS^2 = CL \,.\, Cl', \quad (\textit{Prop. } \text{XXII.})$$



$$\therefore\ Cl = Cl',$$

$$\therefore\ lC : Cl' :: lP : PL,$$

$\therefore$ CP is parallel to the tangent at D.

Also $l'D : DL :: l'C : Cl$,

$\therefore$ CD is parallel to the tangent at P.

The lines CP and CD are called *Conjugate Diameters*, since each of these lines is parallel to the tangent at the extremity of the other.

Prop. XXIV.

If CP and CD be semi-conjugate diameters in the hyperbola; then

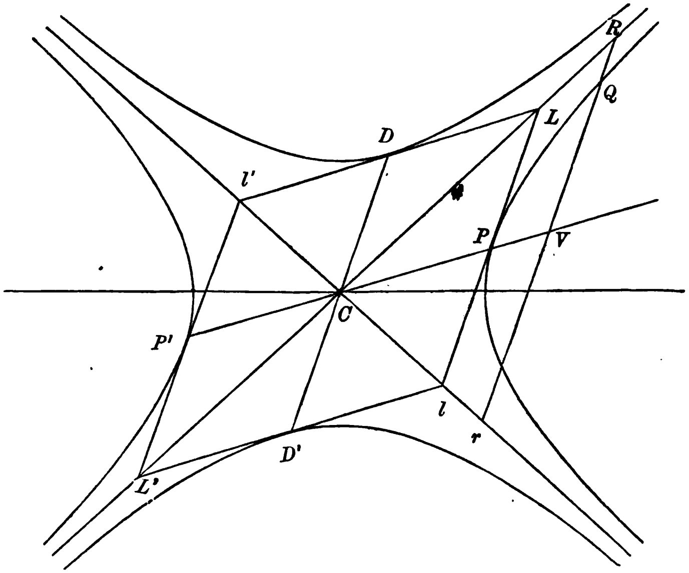
$$CP^2 - CD^2 = CA^2 - CB^2.$$

Draw the ordinates NPR, MDR meeting the asymptote in the point R (*Prop.* XXIII.); then

$$CR^2 - CP^2 = NR^2 - NP^2,$$
$$= BC^2, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XVI.})$$
$$\therefore\ CR^2 = CP^2 + BC^2;$$
$$\text{so } CR^2 = CD^2 + AC^2,$$
$$\therefore\ CP^2 + BC^2 = CD^2 + AC^2;$$
$$\text{or } CP^2 - CD^2 = AC^2 - BC^2.$$

PROP. XXV.

62. The area of any parallelogram proved by drawing tangents to the hyperbola and its conjugate at the extremities P, P', D, D' of a pair of conjugate diameters is equal to the rectangle contained by the axes.



Let $LlL'l'$ be the parallelogram formed by drawing tangents at the extremities P, P', D, D', of any pair of conjugate diameters. The points L, L', l, l', will (*Prop.* XXIII.) be on the asymptotes.

Now the parallelogram $LL' = 4$ parallelogram CL,

$$= 4 \text{ triangle } LCl,$$

$$= 4\,AC\,.\,BC, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XXII.})$$

$$= AA'\,.\,BB'.$$

63. Def. The line QV drawn from any point Q of the hyperbola parallel to the tangent at any point P, and meeting CP produced in V, is called an *Ordinate* to the diameter CP.

Prop. XXVI.

If QV be an ordinate to the diameter $P'CP$, and CD be conjugate to CP; then

$$QV^2 : PV.P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2.$$

Produce VQ to meet the asymptotes in R and r; and let the tangent at P meet the asymptotes in L and l; then

$$RV^2 : PL^2 :: CV^2 : CP^2,$$

$$\therefore\ RV^2 - PL^2 : PL^2 :: CV^2 - CP^2 : CP^2.$$

But $RQ\,.\,Qr = PL^2$, (*Prop.* XX.)

$$\therefore\ RV^2 - QV^2 = PL^2,$$

$$\text{or } RV^2 - PL^2 = QV^2.$$

And $CV^2 - CP^2 = PV\,.\,P'V$, (*Euclid*, II. 6.)

$$\therefore\ QV^2 : PL^2 :: PV\,.\,P'V : CP^2.$$

Alternately, $QV^2 : PV\,.\,P'V :: PL^2 : CP^2$.

But since PD is a parallelogram, (*Prop.* XXIII.)

$$\therefore\ PL = CD.$$

Hence $QV^2 : PV.P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2$.

cf. Wilson PROP. XXVII.

64. If QV be an ordinate to the diameter PV, and the tangent at Q meet CP in the point T; then

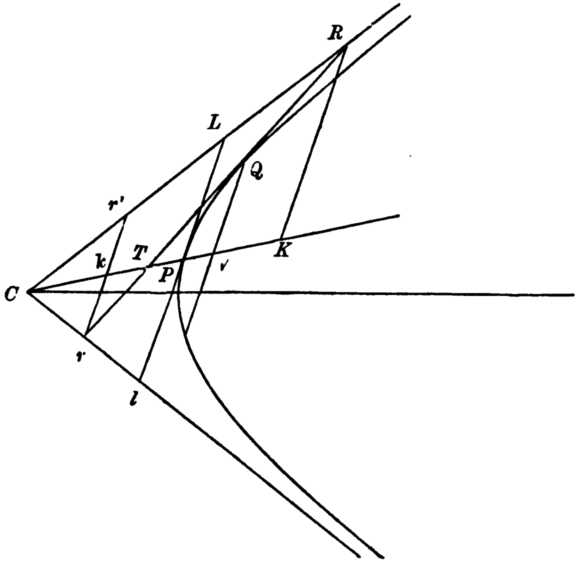
$$CV \, . \, CT = CP^2.$$

Draw the tangent LPl meeting the asymptotes in the points L, l; also let the tangent at Q meet the asymptotes in R, r.

Draw RK, rk parallel to QV meeting CP in K, k.

Produce rk to meet CR in r'.

Now since the triangles RCr, LCl are equal, (*Prop.* XXII.) and have the angle at C common,



$$\therefore \; CR : CL :: Cl : Cr, \text{ (\textit{Euclid}, VI. 15.)}$$

But $CR : CL :: CK : CP$;

and $Cl : Cr :: CP : Ck$,

$$\therefore \; CK : CP :: CP : Ck,$$

$$\therefore \; CK \, . \, Ck = CP^2.$$

Also, since Rr is bisected in Q, (*Prop.* XIX. *Cor.* 1.)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{and } KV : Vk &:: RQ : Qr, \\
\therefore\ KV &= Vk. \\
\text{Again, } TK : Tk &:: RK : rk, \\
&:: RK : kr', \\
&:: CK : Ck, \\
\therefore\ TK - Tk : TK + Tk &:: CK - Ck : CK + Ck, \\
\text{or } 2VT : 2VK &:: 2VK : 2VC, \\
\text{or } VT : VK &:: VK : VC, \\
\therefore\ VC \,.\, VT &= VK^2. \\
\text{But } VC \,.\, VT &= CV^2 - CV \,.\, CT, \text{ (Euclid, II. 2,)} \\
\therefore\ CV^2 - CV \,.\, CT &= VK^2, \\
\therefore\ CV \,.\, CT &= CV^2 - VK^2. \\
&= CV^2 - Vk^2, \\
&= CK \,.\, Ck, \text{ (Euclid, II. 6.)} \\
\text{But } CK \,.\, Ck &= CP^2, \\
\therefore\ CV \,.\, CT &= CP^2.
\end{aligned}$$

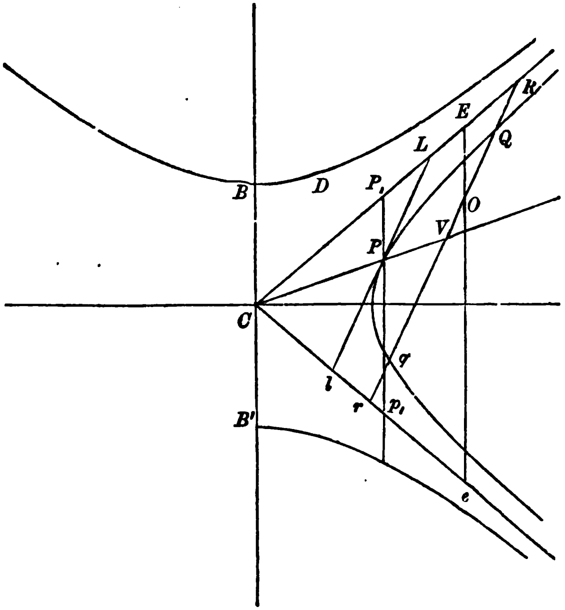
PROP. XXVIII.

65. If two chords of a hyperbola intersect one another, the rectangles contained by their segments are proportional to the squares of the diameters parallel to them.

Let QOq be any chord drawn through the point O, and let CD be drawn parallel to it, meeting the conjugate hyperbola in D.

Produce Qq to meet the asymptotes in R and r; and draw the diameter CPV, bisecting both Qq and Rr in V. (*Prop.* XIX. *Cor.* 2.)

Also draw the tangent LPl parallel to Qq, meeting the asymptotes in L and l.



Now since Qq is divided equally in V and unequally in O,

$$\therefore\ QO\,.\,Oq = QV^2 - OV^2; \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{II. } 5.)$$

So also $RO\,.\,Or = RV^2 - OV^2$, (*Euclid*, II. 5.)

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore\ RO\,.\,Or - QO\,.\,Oq &= RV^2 - QV^2,\\ &= RQ\,.\,Qr, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{II. } 5.)\\ &= PL^2, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XX.})\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore\ QO\,.\,Oq = RO\,.\,Or - PL^2.$$

Again, through O and P draw EOe, $P_{,}Pp_{,}$, at right angles to the axis meeting the asymptotes in E, e, $P_{,}$, $p_{,}$; then

$$RO : OE :: PL : PP_{,},$$

$$\text{and } rO : Oe :: Pl : Pp_{,},$$

$$\therefore\ RO\,.\,rO : OE\,.\,Oe :: PL^2 : PP_{,}\,.\,Pp_{,};$$

$$\text{but } PP_{,}.Pp_{,} = BC^2, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XVI.})$$

$$\text{and } PL^2 = CD^2, \quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XXIII.})$$

$$\therefore RO.rO : OE.Oe :: CD^2 : BC^2,$$

$$\text{or } RO.rO : CD^2 :: OE.Oe : BC^2,$$

$$\therefore RO.rO - PL^2 : CD^2 :: OE.Oe - BC^2 : BC^2,$$

$$\text{or } QO.Oq : CD^2 :: OE.Oe - BC^2 : BC^2.$$

In the same manner if through O another chord $Q'Oq'$ be drawn, and CD' be drawn parallel to it, meeting the conjugate hyperbola in D', we shall have

$$Q'O.Oq' : CD'^2 :: OE.Oe - BC^2 : BC^2.$$

$$\text{Hence } QO.Oq : Q'O.Oq' :: CD^2 : CD'^2.$$

The same result may be shown to be true when the point O is outside the hyperbola.

66. Def. If with a point O on the normal at P as centre, and OP as radius, a circle be described touching the hyperbola at P, and cutting it in Q; then when the point Q is made to approach indefinitely near to P, the circle is called the *Circle of Curvature* at the point P.

Prop. XXIX.

If PH be the chord of the circle of curvature at the point P of a hyperbola, which passes through the centre; then

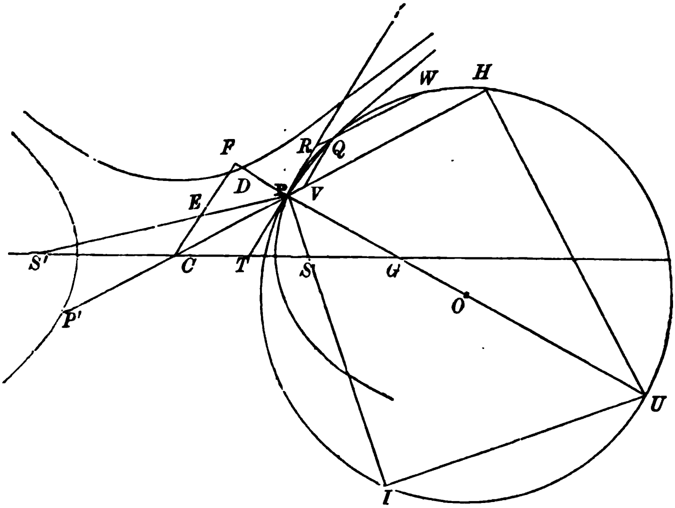
$$PH.CP = 2CD^2.$$

Let PT be the tangent, and PG the normal at the point P.

With centre O, and radius OP, describe a circle cutting the hyperbola in the point Q.

Draw RQW parallel to CP, meeting the circle in W, and TP produced in R.

Also, draw QV parallel to PR, meeting the diameter PP' in V; then since RP touches the circle at P,



$$\therefore\ RQ\,.\,RW = PR^2,\ (\textit{Euclid},\ \text{III. 36.})$$
$$\text{or } PV\,.\,RW = QV^2,$$
$$\text{But } QV^2 : PV\,.\,P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2,\ (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XXVI.})$$
$$\therefore\ PV\,.\,RW : PV\,.\,P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2,$$
$$\text{or } RW : P'V :: CD^2 : CP^2.$$

Now, when the circle becomes the circle of curvature at P, the points R and Q move up to, and coincide with P, and the lines RW and PH become equal, while

$$P'V \text{ becomes equal to } PP', \text{ or } 2\,CP.$$
$$\text{Hence, } PH : 2CP :: CD^2 : CP^2,$$
$$\therefore\ PH\,.\,CP : 2\,CP^2 :: 2\,CD^2 : 2\,CP^2,$$
$$\therefore\ PH\,.\,CP = 2\,CD^2.$$

PROP. XXX.

If PU be the diameter of the circle of curvature at the point P of the hyperbola, and PF be drawn at right angles to CD; then

$$PU\,.\,PF = 2\,CD^2.$$

Since the triangle PHU is similar to the triangle PFC,

$$\therefore PU : PH :: CP : PF,$$
$$\therefore PU . PF = PH . CP,$$
$$= 2\,CD^2, \text{ (Prop. XXIX.)}$$

Prop. XXXI.

If PI be the chord of the circle of curvature through the focus of the hyperbola; then

$$PI . AC = 2\,CD^2.$$

Let $S'P$ meet CD in E; then since the triangles PIU and PEF are similar,

$$\therefore PI : PU :: PF : PE.$$

But $PE = AC$, (*Prop.* XII. *Cor.*)

$$\therefore PI : PU :: PF : AC,$$
$$\therefore PI . AC = PU . PF,$$
$$= 2\,CD^2, \text{ (Prop. XXX.)}$$

Prop. XXXII.

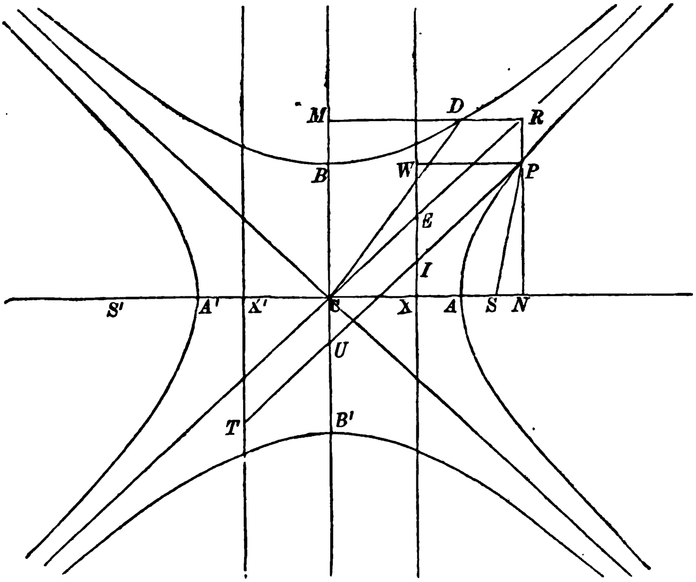
67. If P be any point on the hyperbola, and CD be conjugate to CP; then

$$SP . S'P = CD^2.$$

Draw PII' parallel to the asymptote CE meeting the directrices in I and I', and CB' in U.

Let the ordinates NP, MD meet the asymptote in R, and draw PW perpendicular to the directrix; then by similar triangles,

$$PI : PW :: CE : CX,$$
$$:: CA : CX. \text{ (Prop. XVII.)}$$



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\begin{aligned}
\text{But } SP : PW &:: SA : AX,\\
&:: CA : CX.\\
\therefore\ SP &= PI;\\
\text{so } S'P &= PI',\\
\therefore\ SP \,.\, S'P &= PI \,.\, PI',\\
&= UP^2 - UI^2,\\
&= CR^2 - CE^2,\\
&= CR^2 - CA^2.\ (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XVII.})\\
\text{But } CR^2 - CD^2 &= RM^2 - DM^2,\\
&= CA^2,\quad (\textit{Prop.}\ \text{XVI.})\\
\therefore\ CR^2 - CA^2 &= CD^2.\\
\text{Hence } SP \,.\, S'P &= CD^2.
\end{aligned}
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PROBLEMS ON THE HYPERBOLA.

1. The locus of the centre of a circle touching two given circles is a hyperbola.

2. If on the portion of any tangent intercepted between the tangents at the vertices a circle be described, it will pass through the foci.

3. In a rectangular hyperbola the tangents at the vertices will meet the asymptotes in the circumference of the circle described on SS' as diameter.

4. If from a point P in a hyperbola PII' be drawn parallel to the transverse axis meeting the asymptotes in I and I'; then $PI.PI' = AC^2$.

5. If a circle be inscribed in the triangle SPS', the locus of its centre is the tangent at the vertex.

6. If PN be the ordinate of the point P, and NQ a tangent to the circle described on the transverse axis as diameter, and PM be drawn parallel to QC meeting the axis in M, then $MN = BC$.

7. If PN be the ordinate of a point P, and NQ be drawn parallel to AP to meet CP in Q, then AQ is parallel to the tangent at P.

8. If a hyperbola and an ellipse have the same foci, they cut one another at right angles.

9. If the tangent at P intersect the tangents at the vertices in R, r, and the tangent at P' intersect them in R', r', then $AR.Ar = AR'.Ar'$.

10. If any two tangents be drawn to a hyperbola, the lines joining the points where they intersect the asymptotes will be parallel.

11. The perpendicular drawn from the focus to the asymptotes of a hyperbola is equal to the semi-conjugate axis.

12. If the asymptotes meet the tangent at the vertex in O, and the directrix in E; then AE is parallel to SO.

13. In a rectangular hyperbola conjugate diameters are equal to one another.

14. In a rectangular hyperbola the normal PG is equal to CP.

15. The lines drawn from any point in a rectangular hyperbola to the extremities of a diameter make equal angles with the asymptotes.

16. Prove that the asymptotes to a hyperbola bisect the lines joining the extremities of conjugate diameters.

17. A line drawn through one of the vertices of a hyperbola and terminated by two lines drawn through the other vertex parallel to the asymptotes will be bisected at the other point where it cuts the hyperbola.

18. P is any point on a hyperbola, and P' a point on the conjugate hyperbola. If CP and CP' be conjugate, prove that

$$S'P' - SP = AC - BC,$$

S and S' being the interior foci.

19. If CP and CD be conjugate, and through C a line be drawn parallel to either focal distance of P, the perpendicular from D upon this line is equal to BC.

20. Given a pair of conjugate diameters, find the principal axes.

21. If Q be a point on the conjugate axis of a rectangular hyperbola, and QP be drawn parallel to the transverse axis meeting the curve in P; then

$$PQ = AQ.$$

22. In a rectangular hyperbola the focal chords drawn parallel to conjugate diameters are equal.

23. If in an equilateral hyperbola CY be drawn at right angles to the tangent at P, and AY be joined, the triangles PCA, CAY are similar.

24. The radius of the circle which touches a hyperbola and its asymptotes, is equal to that part of the latus rectum produced which is intercepted between the curve and the asymptotes.

25. If QQ' be any chord of a hyperbola, and CP the diameter corresponding to it, and QH, PK, $Q'H'$ be drawn parallel to one asymptote meeting the other in H, K and H', then $CH \, . \, CH' = CK^2$.

26. If the chord $RPP'R'$ intersect the hyperbola in the points P, P' and the asymptotes in R, R'; and PK be drawn parallel to CR', and $P'K'$ to CR; then $RK = P'K'$, and $R'K' = PK$.

27. If AA' be any diameter of a circle, and PNQ an ordinate to it, then the locus of the intersections of AP, $A'Q$ is a rectangular hyperbola.

28. If two concentric rectangular hyperbolas be described, the axes of one being the asymptotes of the other, they will intersect at right angles.

29. If any chord AP through the vertex be divided in Q, so that $AQ : QP :: AC^2 : BC^2$, and QN be drawn to the foot of the ordinate PN, prove that a straight line drawn at right angles to QN from Q cuts the transverse axis in the same ratio.

30. Prove that the curve which trisects the arcs of all segments of a circle described upon a given base is a hyperbola.

31. If SVs, TVt be two tangents cutting one asymptote in S, T, and the other in s, t, prove that

$$VS : Vs :: Vt : VT.$$

32. If from the exterior focus of a hyperbola a circle be described with radius equal to BC, and tangents be drawn to it from any point in the hyperbola, the line joining the points of contact will touch the circle described on the transverse axis as diameter.

33. Circles are drawn touching the straight line AB in a fixed point C; and from the fixed points A, B tangents are drawn to these circles. The locus of their intersection is an ellipse or hyperbola. Distinguish between the two cases.

34. PP' is a double ordinate in an ellipse. AP, $A'P'$ are produced to meet in Q. Prove that the locus of Q is a hyperbola with the same axes as the ellipse.

35. If the tangent at P intersect the asymptotes in L and l, and PG be the normal at P, then the angle LGl is a right angle.

36. If an ellipse, a parabola, and a hyperbola, have a common tangent, and the same curvature at the vertex, the ellipse will be entirely within the parabola, and the parabola entirely within the hyperbola.

37. The chord $RPP'R'$ of a hyperbola intersects the asymptotes in R and R'. From the point R a tangent RQ is drawn meeting the hyperbola in Q. If PH, QK, $P'H'$ be drawn parallel to one asymptote meeting the other in the points H, K, H'; then $PH + P'H' = 2\,QK$.

38. If through P, P' on a hyperbola lines be drawn parallel to the asymptotes forming a parallelogram, of which PP' is one diagonal; the other diagonal will pass through the centre.

39. If P be the middle point of a line EF which moves so as to cut off a constant area from the corner of a rectangle, its locus is an equilateral hyperbola.

40. PM, PN are drawn parallel to the asymptotes CN, CM, and an ellipse is constructed having CN, CM for semi-conjugate diameters. If CP cut the ellipse in Q, the tangents at Q and P to the ellipse and hyperbola are parallel.

41. If a circle be described through any point P of a given hyperbola and the extremities A, A' of the transverse axis; and NP be produced to meet the circle in Q, prove that Q traces out a hyperbola whose conjugate axis is a third proportional to the conjugate and transverse axes of the original hyperbola.

42. If lines be drawn from any point of a rectangular hyperbola to the extremities of a diameter, the difference between the angles which they make with the diameter will be equal to the angle which this diameter makes with its conjugate.

43. If between a rectangular hyperbola and its asymptotes any number of concentric elliptic quadrants be inscribed, the rectangle contained by their axes will be constant.

44. In the rectangular hyperbola if CP be produced to Q so that $PQ = CP$, and QO be drawn at right angles to CQ to intersect the normal in O, O is the centre of curvature at P.

45. With two conjugate diameters of an ellipse as asymptotes a pair of conjugate hyperbolas are constructed; prove that if one hyperbola touch the ellipse the other will do so likewise; prove also that the diameters drawn through the points of contact are conjugate to each other.

46. If a pair of conjugate diameters of an ellipse when produced be asymptotes to a hyperbola, the points of the hyperbola at which a tangent to the hyperbola will also be a tangent to the ellipse, lie in an ellipse similar to the given one.

47. In the rectangular hyperbola the radius of curvature at P is to the radius of curvature at P' in the triplicate ratio of CP to CP'.

48. OP, OQ are tangents to an ellipse at P and Q, and asymptotes to a hyperbola. Show that a pair of their common chords is parallel to PQ. One of these chords being RS, prove that if PR touches the hyperbola at P, QS touches it at S; also if PS, QR meet in U, OU bisects PQ.

49. The base of the triangle ABC remains fixed, while the vertex C moves in an equilateral hyperbola passing through A and B. If P, Q be the points in which AC, BC meet the circle described on AB as diameter, the intersection of AQ, BP is on the other branch of the hyperbola.

CHAPTER IV.

THE SECTIONS OF THE CONE.

68. DEF. If two indefinite straight lines IOI', DOD', intersect one another at a point O, and one of them IOI' remain fixed while the other DOD' revolves round it in such a manner that its inclination to IOI' is the same in all positions, the surface generated by DOD' will be a *Right Cone.*

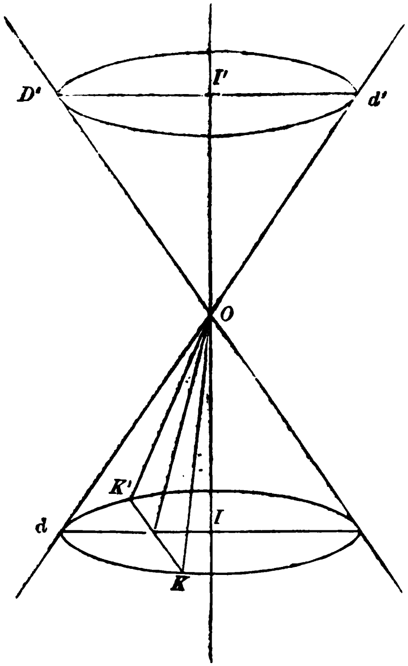
The line IOI' is called the *Axis*, and the point O the *Vertex* of the *Cone.*

It now remains for us to show (*see Introduction*) that the curve formed by the intersection of this surface with a plane is *in general* one of the three curves whose properties we have been investigating, and to consider under what circumstances it will be the Parabola, Ellipse, or Hyperbola.

If the cutting plane pass through the vertex of the cone as KOK', and intersect the cone again *at all*, it will *in general* cut it in two straight lines as OK, OK', which will represent two positions of the generating line.

The inclination of these lines to each other will depend upon the inclination of the cutting plane to the axis of the cone, and will be greatest when this plane passes through the axis, in which case it will be double the constant angle between the axis and the generating line.

If the cutting plane pass through a generating line dod' and be perpendicular to the plane containing this line and the axis, it will simply touch the cone along this line.



Should the cutting plane not pass through the vertex, and be at right angles to the axis of the cone, the section will evidently be a circle.

In any other case the section will, as we proceed to show, be a Parabola, Ellipse, or Hyperbola.

Whatever be the position of the cutting plane with respect to the cone, we can always suppose a plane drawn through the axis of the cone at right angles to it; and it will be convenient to have this latter plane represented by the plane of the paper as *D O d*. The cutting plane will therefore always be taken at right angles to the plane *D O d* of the paper.

Prop. I.

69. The curve formed by the intersection of the surface of a right cone with a plane (which neither passes through its vertex, nor is at right angles to its axis) will be a *Parabola, Ellipse,* or *Hyperbola,* according as the inclination of the cutting plane to the axis of the cone is *equal to, greater,* or *less than* the constant angle which the generating line forms with the axis.

Let the plane of the paper represent the plane drawn through the axis IOI' of the cone at right angles to the cutting plane; and let it intersect the surface of the cone in the two generating lines OD, Od.

Let the cutting plane intersect the surface of the cone in the curve PA, and the plane of the paper in the line ANH.

The curve will evidently be symmetrical with respect to this line.

On AH take any point N, and through N draw a plane perpendicular to the axis meeting the surface of the cone in the circle RPr, and the cutting plane in the line PN, which will be at right angles to the plane of the paper and to AN.

Let a sphere be inscribed in the cone touching the cone in the circle EQe and the cutting plane in the point S, and let the plane EQe intersect the cutting plane in the line XM, which will be at right angles to the plane of the paper and therefore parallel to PN.

Draw PM perpendicular to XM, and join PS, PO, and let PO meet the circle EQe in the point Q.*

Then since PS and PQ are both tangents to the sphere,

$$\therefore PS = PQ.$$

$$\text{But } PQ = RE,$$

$$\therefore PS = RE.$$

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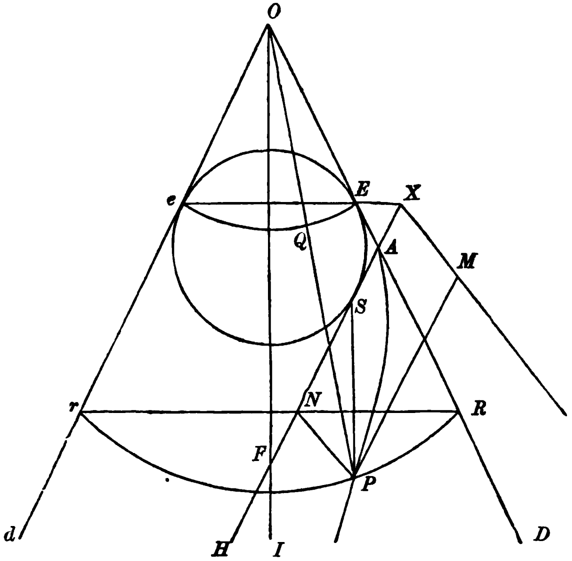
* N.B. In the figure, to avoid confusion, that part of the section which lies above the plane of the paper is alone represented.



But $RE : XN :: AE : AX$. (*Euclid*, VI. 2.)

$$\text{and } AE = AS,$$

$$\therefore RE : XN :: AS : AX,$$

$$\therefore SP : PM :: AS : AX,$$

$\therefore$ the curve PA is either a *Parabola*, *Ellipse*, or *Hyperbola*, whose focus is S and directrix XM.

Again, let AH meet the axis OI in F.

Then the angle AFO will be the inclination of the cutting plane to the axis.

(1.) Let the angle $AFO =$ the angle FOd;

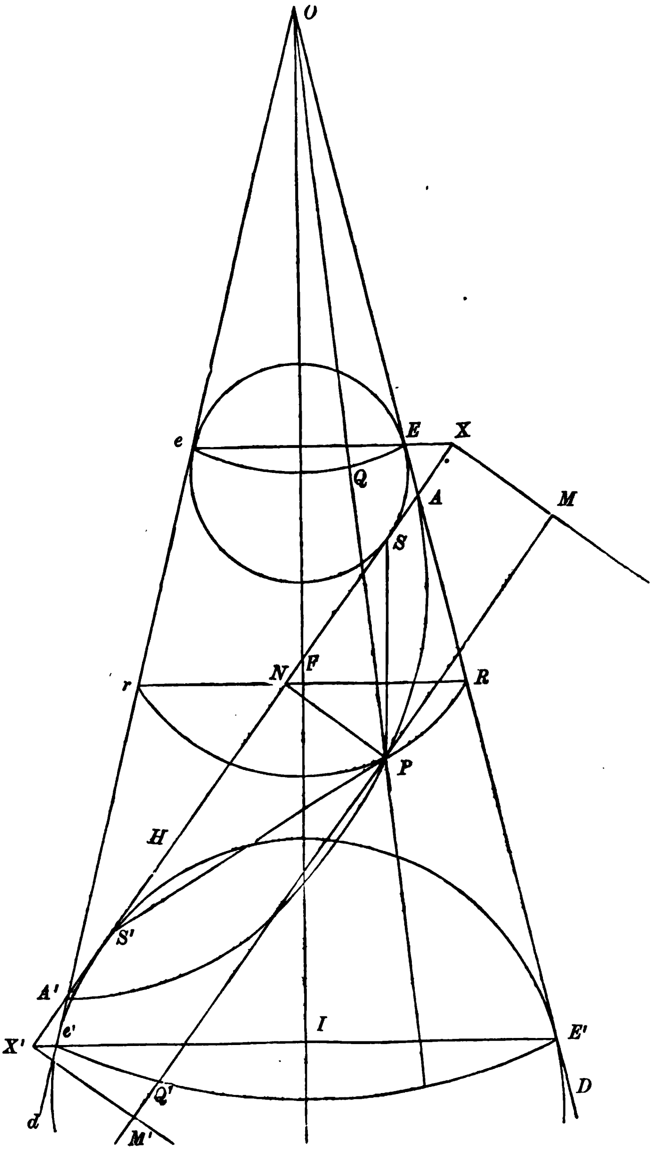
then AH is parallel to Od,

$\therefore$ the angle $AXE =$ the angle $OeE =$ the angle AEX,

$$\therefore AE = AX,$$

$$\therefore AS = AX,$$

$\therefore$ the curve AP will be a *Parabola*.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(2.) Let the angle AFO be $>$ FOd; then

the complement FXE is $<$ the complement OEe,

$\therefore$ the angle AXE is $<$ the angle AEX,

$\therefore$ AE is $<$ AX,

or AS is $<$ AX.

$\therefore$ the curve AP is an *Ellipse.*

Since the angles HFO, FOd are together less than HFO, OFA, *i. e.* than two right angles, the lines AH and Oe may be produced to meet in A'.

If another sphere be described touching the cone in the circle $E'Q'e'$ and the cutting plane in the point S'; and the line $X'M'$ denote the intersection of the plane $E'Q'e'$ with the cutting plane, and PM' be drawn at right angles to this line, it can easily be shown that

$$S'P : PM' :: S'A' : A'X'.$$

Hence S' and $X'M'$ represent respectively the other focus and directrix of the ellipse.

(3.) Let the angle AFO be $<$ FOd; then

the angle AXE is $>$ the angle AEX,

$\therefore$ AE is $>$ AX,

$\therefore$ AS is $>$ AX,

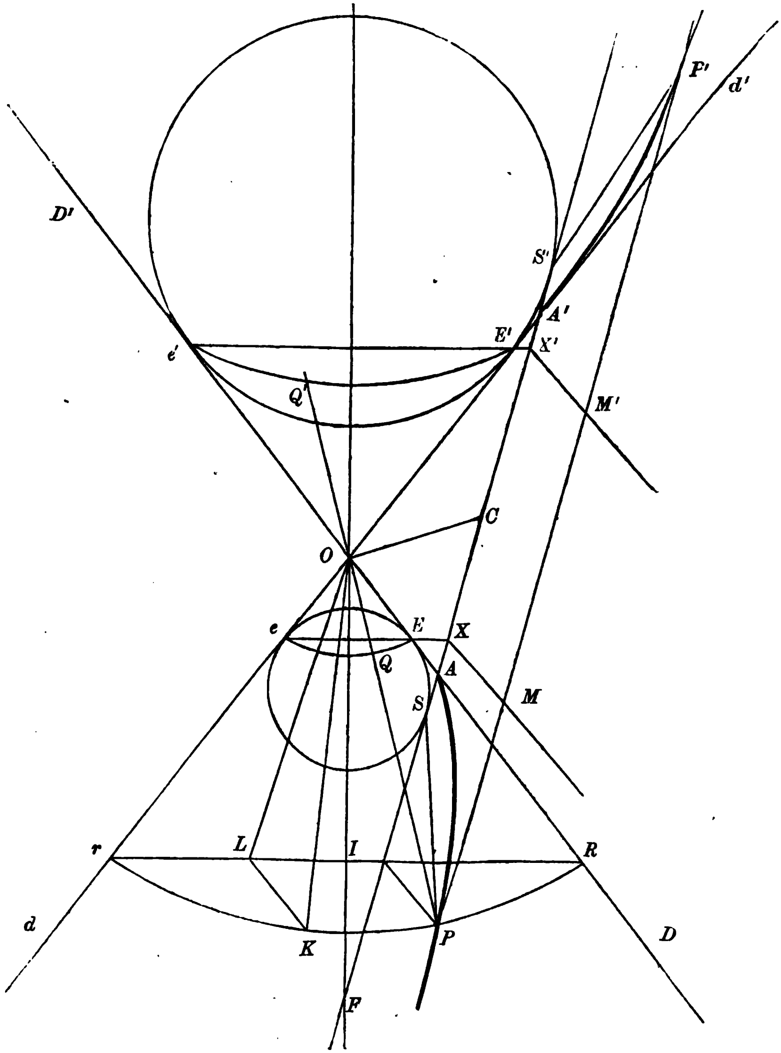
$\therefore$ the curve PA is a *Hyperbola.*

Since the angles AFO, FOd' are less than the two FOd, FOd', *i.e.* than two right angles, the lines FA and dO may be produced to meet in A'.

In this case the cutting plane will intersect the other half of the cone, and if any point P' be taken on this part of the curve, and $P'M$ be drawn at right angles to XM, it can be shown as before that

$$SP' : P'M :: SA : AX.$$

The intersection of the cutting plane therefore with this portion of the cone will be the other branch of the hyperbola.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Also if another sphere be described touching the upper portion of the cone in $E'Q'e'$, and the cutting plane in S', and the line $X'M'$ denote the intersection of the plane $E'Q'e'$ with the cutting plane, and $P'M'$ be drawn at right angles to this line, it can be easily shown that

$$S'P' : P'M' :: S'A' : A'X'.$$

Hence S' and $X'M'$ will represent respectively the other focus and directrix of the hyperbola.

COR. 1. In this last case, *i.e.* when the section is an hyperbola, if a plane OKL be drawn through the vertex of the cone parallel to the cutting plane, meeting the plane of the paper in the straight line OL, and the surface of the cone in the generating line OK; then

$$\begin{aligned} OL : OK &:: OL : OR, \\ &:: AN : AR, \\ &:: AX : AE, \quad (\textit{Euclid}, \text{VI. } 2.) \\ &:: AX : AS, \\ &:: CA : CS, \quad (\textit{Chap.}\ \text{III. } \textit{Prop.}\ \text{II.}) \end{aligned}$$

where C is the middle point of AA' and therefore the centre of the hyperbola;

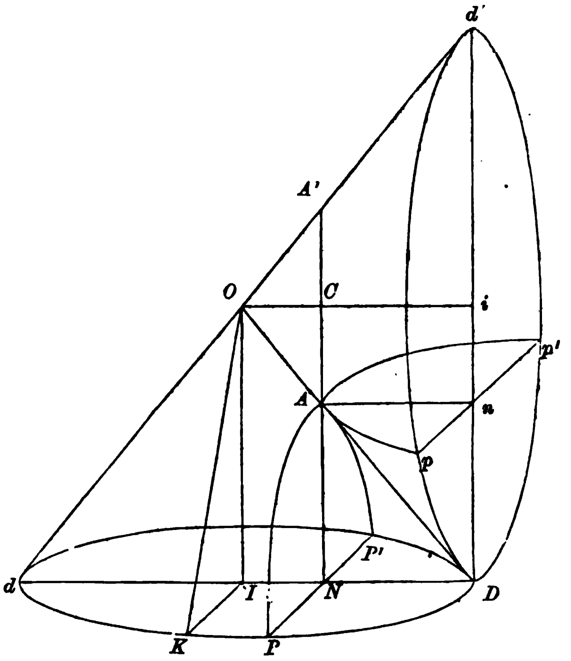
∴ KOL is half the angle between the asymptotes. (*Chap.* III. *Prop.* XVI.)

COR. 2. If the cutting plane is parallel to the axis, OL and OI coincide.

In this case half the angle between the asymptotes of the hyperbolic section is equal to the constant angle DOI, and we can at once see that OC is the semi-conjugate axis.

This affords a convenient method of obtaining a pair of conjugate hyperbolas.

Draw Oi at right angles to OI in the plane of the paper, and let another cone be formed by supposing OD to revolve round Oi in such a manner that the angle DOi is the same in all positions, and equal to the complement of DOI.



Then if through any point A on the common generating line OD we draw two planes at right angles to the plane of the paper, and parallel respectively to OI and Oi, they will cut the cones in two hyperbolas, whose semi-transverse axes will be respectively AC, OC, and whose semi-conjugate axes will be respectively OC, AC, and which therefore will be *conjugate* to each other.

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